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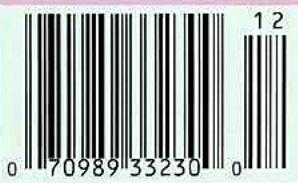
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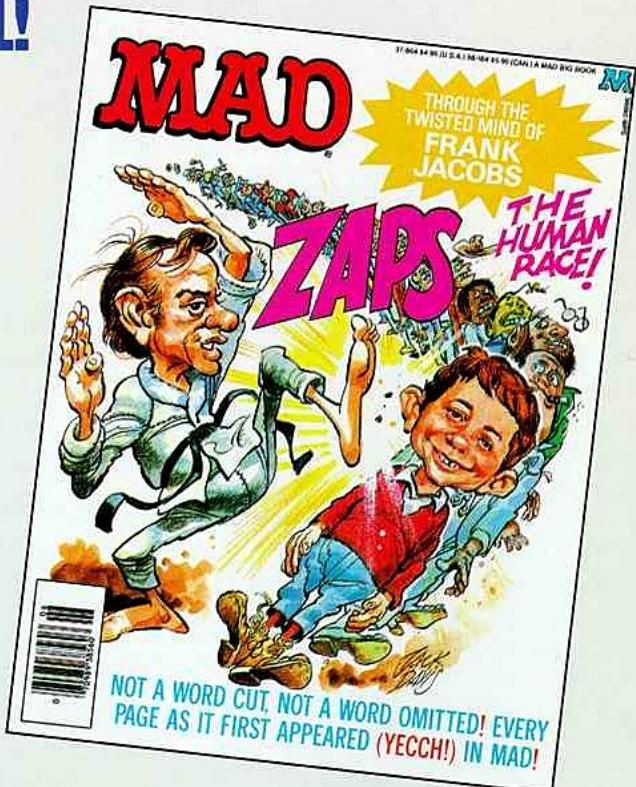
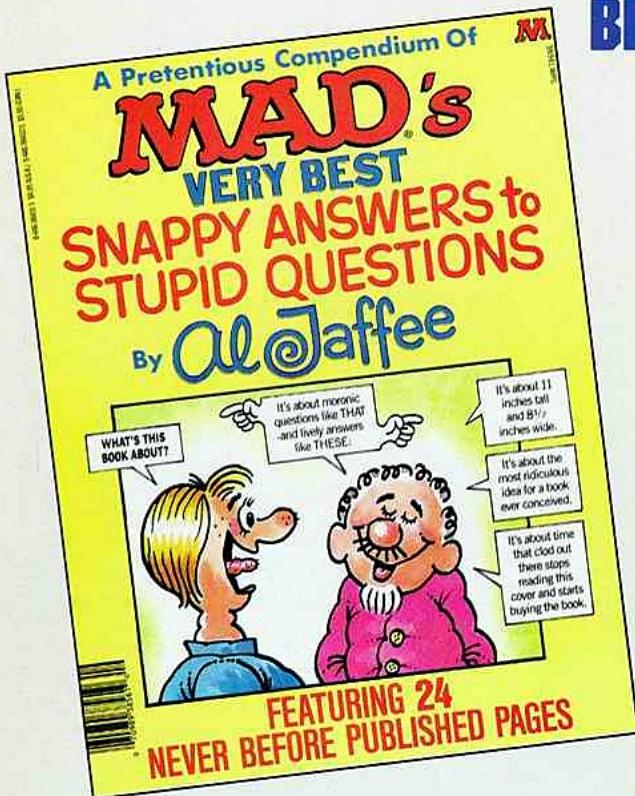
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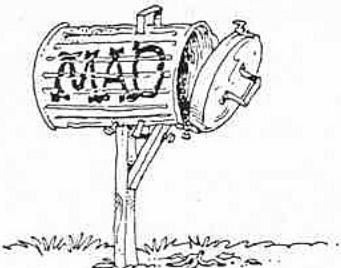
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HISTORY DEFEATS ITSELF

In issue #297's "A MAD Guide to Devolution" you show a strange drawing of the ironclad ships *Monitor* and *Merrimack*. Your *Monitor* looks like an island with a cottage on it (complete with a smoking chimney), while your *Merrimack* for some reason has sails! As a reader with a five-year subscription and a Master's degree in Military History, I felt I must show you your historical mistake.

Scott Kirkman  
Columbus, OH

As long as we're pointing out historical mistakes, Scotty-o, what about yours—Subscribing to MAD for five years!

—Ed.

"THE 2 HOUR SCHOOL  
OF DENTISTRY"

Don't get me wrong, I know from having MAD in my waiting room for many years that your articles are scrupulously researched. But in issue #296's "2 Hour School of Dentistry" you made a grievous error! In the lower right corner, artist Tom Bunk shows a set of two LOWER dentures! We in the profession know that only three in one hundred edentulous mouths exhibit this rare anomaly. Please advise your readers.

Robert L. Moskowitz, D.D.S.  
Smithtown, NY

We had some doubts about the artwork ourselves. However, 4 out of 5 dentists surveyed said they would recommend the artwork to all their patients who chew gum. Go figure. Then go rinse!

—Ed.

WHAT, ME HAVE A COW?



Ruth Turner of Dallas, TX, sent us this recent editorial cartoon by Gary Markstein of the Copley News Service. Aye, carumba!

A SHORT GEOGRAPHY  
I.Q. LESSON

At various points in your satire "Hunt for Last October" (MAD #297), you indicate that Russian seamen were put ashore at Three Mile Island and that the submarine could be taken to Hungary or Czechoslovakia. My painstaking research reveals that Three Mile Island is on the Susquehanna River south of Harrisburg, PA and that both Hungary and Czechoslovakia are landlocked and inaccessible to submarines.

Harry Perlstadt, Ph.D., M.P.H.  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI

**Harry—There you go, ruining a perfectly good movie satire for millions of readers by pointing out some small geographical faux pas. Look at yourself. You're pathetic! Sitting there in your smarmy little classroom, clutching your glow-in-the-dark globe in your lap... Czechoslovakia and Hungary aren't the only things that are landlocked, Harry, if you get our continental drift! Thanks for writing—And get your hand off of Indonesia!**

—Ed.

In MAD #297's "What Corporate Initiatives Really Stand For" you show a boy getting his I.Q. Test back with an "F" on it. You don't get grades on an I.Q. Test, you get scores! You all must have very low I.Q.s!

Jon Boettcher  
Germantown, WI

We ran your letter past the world-renowned and respected Harry Perlstadt, Ph.D., M.P.H. of Michigan State University. He said you and your little letter are pathetic! Look at yourself, sitting alone in your dark little room, nervously clutching your #2 pencil. Did we mention he thought you were pathetic? Oh yeah, we did! Thanks for writing!

—Ed.

"CHOKE" IS IT!

I am writing in anger. I was shocked that in "Choke" (MAD #297), you encourage minors to smoke. How dare you suggest such a thing. I resent those remarks.

Rob Walker  
Chattanooga, TN

**Rob—We have just three words for you...Three little words that say oh so much: GET A BRAIN!**

—Ed.

NEW KIDDING  
ON THE BLOCK

You had no right making fun of the cutest, dearest guys in the singing business today. I personally love them and I know every girl in St. Charles school loves them, but not as much as the girls in Mrs. Catapano's 7-1 class. Thank you for your time.

Tara Kane  
Staten Island, NY

**You're right. We've given the New Kids a second look and listen, and have decided to adopt them as the Official Musical Group of this sentence on this letters page! (This parenthetical sentence, however, goes to Guns 'N Roses... Honorable mention: Squeeze! Yep, when it comes to NKOTB, we just can't get enough of Dirk, Dave, Jack, Jimmy and Jerry! —Ed.**



THE SCHULZ/JAFFEE  
SUMMIT A SUCCESS!



PHOTO BY MARK COHEN

When famed "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz saw Al Jaffee's Charlie Brown/ Hall of Fame Fold-in in MAD #293, he called the Jaffer to his estate and threatened to sue him for millions! Luckily, Al was able to talk Charlie into settling for a hug from Joyce, Al's wife. Happy endings are so nice!

MORON MAIL

My dad is an old geezer and he claims that Alfred E. Neuman's real name is Melvin Cowsnafsky. Is this true?

Rachel Kalman  
Portland, OR

**How would we know whether or not it's true your father is an old geezer, you young snot!**

—Ed.

I live in Indonesia and it's hard to get MAD magazines. Sometimes when I break my neck to get an issue it turns out to be lousy! What can I do about this?

Matt Crawford  
Jakarta, Indonesia

**Matt—Do as most of our readers around the world do—continually lower your standards!**

—Ed.



## A VISIT FROM THE DOOGIE MAN



March 8, 1960

Mad  
Department 294  
485 Madison Avenue  
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Dear MADmen (and women):

I'm deeply touched by your moving tribute to yet another of my smash hit TV shows, DOOGIE HOWSER, M.D. You guys've done a lot for my career, and I really appreciate it, as evidenced by my willingness to make those continuing "contributions" to the Alfred E. Newman Foundation. As you know, my new show, COP ROCK is just around the corner, so lemme know how much extra it'll cost me for an October feature, plus cover.

Excelsior!

*Steven Bochco*

Steven Bochco



We usually don't print two letters from the same person, but in Producer Steven Bochco's case, we'll make an exception! (In MAD #276 we printed his letter regarding our satire of his show L.A. Law!) Also, when Doogie Howser star Neil Patrick Harris dropped by, he performed an immediate MADectomy of our spoof "Dorky Housecall, M.D." from MAD issue #294!

### A WILDCAT STRIKE

Everybody in my school would buy MAD if you congratulate our Boys' Basketball Team for going to State. Just put this on your letters page: "Congratulations Blakesburg Wildcats on beating Diagonal to win the District and making it to the State Tournament!"

Clint Gray  
Blakesburg, IA

Clint—if that is your real name—We notice your story suddenly stops there. We can only assume that the wicked Wildcats played pathetically in the State Tournament. Would the words "trounced" and "publicly disgraced" be too strong? Your letter is mysteriously vague on this. Yep, Clint, we're sure the entire student body of Blakesburg is as pleased as punch that you blabbed to an international magazine about your winky-dink school's athletic failures. Go Wildcats!

—Ed.

### WEIRD SCIENCE

I'm in science class right now and I need your help! None of my classmates know the answer to this question, so I'm counting on you guys. Here it is:

If  $10^{18}$  atoms of Polonium disintegrate to produce lead and  $10^{-5}$  g of helium, what is the mass of a helium atom?

The teacher has left the room, so please respond as quickly as possible!

John Bohlmann  
Hood River, OR

Young Einstein—We read your problem and we're afraid you've got it mass backwards! Try factoring in the Wackenfuss Principle to the weight of polonium and let us know what happens. Be sure to make the standard adjustment for sodium (Na). And remember, with this, as with all scientific inquiries, always keep a spare beaker in your pants!

—Ed.



### HOT CROSS NUN

In sixth grade, Sister Michelle Marie said to our class, "There is one magazine Catholic teenagers should never read..." Then she wrote on the blackboard in 12-inch letters: M A D. That was in 1960! Today, I am again subscribing to another year of MAD. I'll keep subscribing until I can figure out just what Sister didn't want us to read. Do you have any idea?

Rich Reich  
La Jolla, CA

We checked our issues from 1960 and it could be any number of things that got under Sister MM's habit. Among the leading candidates are Dave Berg's stinging "The Lighter Side of Blasphemy," "You Know You're Really Celibate When..." and our short-lived feature "Spy Vs. Pope." But if we had to choose one, we'd say it had to be "A MAD Peek Behind the Scenes at the Burning Bush!"

—Ed.

### PRAISED AND CONFUSED

I have read and enjoyed your magazine for many years but I have never written to you. Please, please stop publishing letters from the small, narrow-minded, self-proclaimed "Christians" who don't understand that the point of satire is to expose human weaknesses, not to promote them. It depresses me beyond words to know that children are being raised in this tradition of ignorant self-righteousness. You are one of my last bastions of hope and fun.

Jennie Simpson  
Pasco, WA

Say, wait a minute! Just where the hell do you get off calling us bastions? Thanks for writing!

—Ed.

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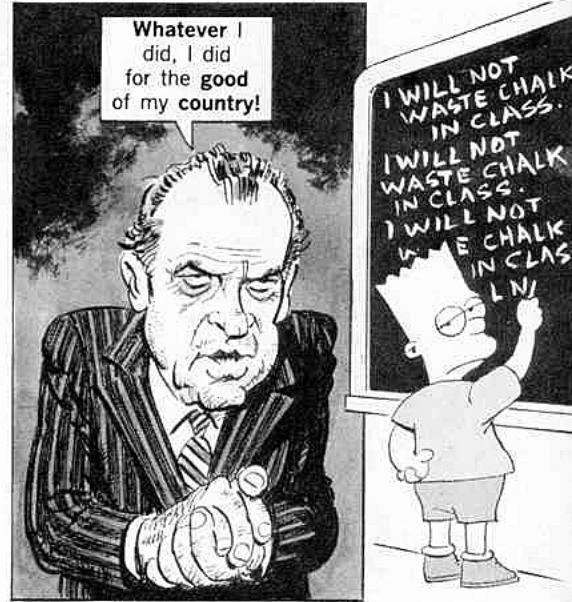
What cartoon sitcom is the hit of the season? Right! But how did they ever think up this crazy family? Actually, it wasn't such a great feat of imagination! It's been done! Listen: Years ago, when the action comic book hero Captain Marvel was dreamed up, they took the characteristics of famous mythological figures and created "SHAZAM"—a word that when spoken gave Captain Marvel his super powers. The "S" was for the wisdom of Solomon; the "H" for the strength of Hercules; the "A" for the stamina of Atlas; the "Z" for the power of Zeus; the "A" for the courage of Achilles; and the "M" for the speed of Mercury! Today's cartoon creators have merely updated the formula, taking traits of famous people and putting them together to spell...

THE S

**S** for the SMARTS  
of President George Bush



**I** for the INTEGRITY  
of former President Nixon



**S** for the SPORTSMANSHIP  
of the Macho Man



**O** for the OPTIMISM  
of Drug Czar William Bennett





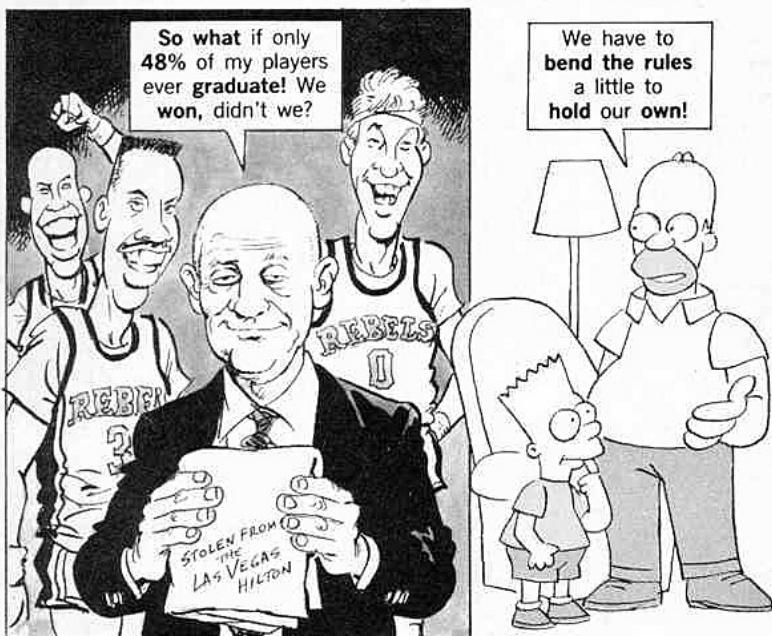
# IMPSONS

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: STAN HART

**M**

for the MORALITY  
of UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian



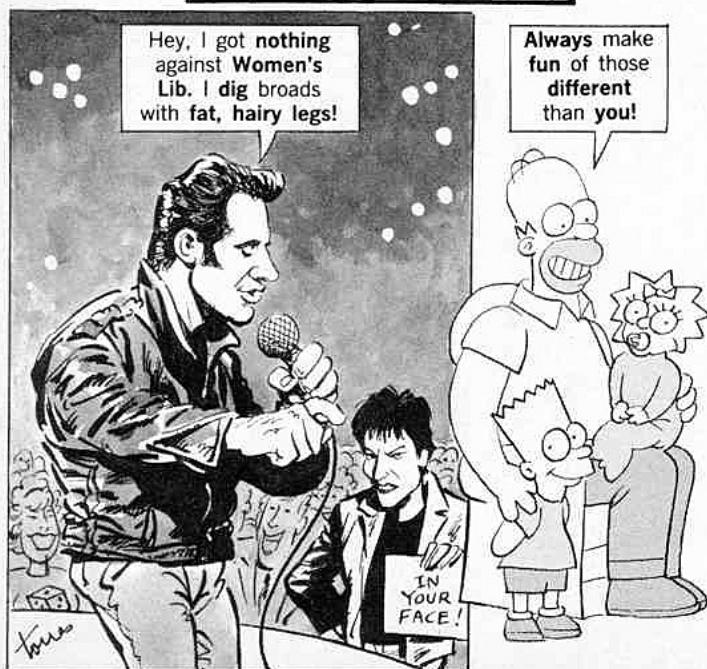
**P**

for the PATIENCE  
of Yankee owner George Steinbrenner



**N**

for the NICENESS  
of Andrew Dice Clay



**S**

for the SIBLING AFFECTION  
of Zsa Zsa and Eva Gabor



# A MAD Peek Behi "THE SIMPSONS"

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

No matter what happens in this house, we can always be sure that little Maggie will just sit there and not say a word!

Harumph! Since this show's always taking things from movies, why don't they borrow from *Look Who's Talking* and let me think something every once in a while!

Can you believe that James L. Brooks, the man who created *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Taxi*, and wrote *Terms of Endearment* and *Broadcast News* is the producer of this show?

I know! It's like Ted Koppel decided to chuck it all and host *A Current Affair*!

Hey, look at this! We just got a plaque from Hanna-Barbera Productions!

Is it commanding us on *The Simpsons'* high Nielsen ratings?

Is it saluting us for putting on the first prime-time cartoon show in years?

No! It's congratulating us because since *The Simpsons* premiered, Hanna-Barbera no longer has the worst animation on TV!

Look, Friedman, I know that so far every shoddy "Simpsons" product we've come up with has sold millions, but do you really think people will buy a Marge Simpson Clogged Drain Snake?

Sure they will! Look how well we've done with our latest product: The Bart Simpson Head Grocery Bag!

How did *The Simpsons* get to be the most popular show on the FOX network?

Remember—FOX gave us *Married with Children* and *21 Jump Street*! This is the first time they've tried a show with characters that can act!

# And The Scenes At "B" STUDIO

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU

Why does this show have such a long opening?  
To explain a lot about the Simpsons so that we can enjoy the show?

**No! To save money! By using the same footage every week, that's two minutes less of animation they have to pay for!**

THE  
SIMPSONS  
ANIMATION  
STUDIO

Okay, all you new animators must swear to keep this confidential! To draw Homer Simpson, we start with Fred Flintstone, take off the hair, keep the five-o'clock shadow, add bigger eyes and update the clothes! That's all there is to it! After lunch, I'll show you how to turn Wilma into Marge and Pebbles into Maggie!

Why does Homer work at a nuclear power plant?  
He's always causing accidents and exposing people to radiation!

The network insisted that this show be based on reality!

Hey, man, cool  
your jets!  
No pain, no  
gain, dudes!  
This is groovy!  
Hell no, we won't  
go! 23 Skiddoo!

**Why does Bart keep repeating those tired old sayings?**

We'll try **anything**! One of them will **surely** turn into another hip "catchphrase" that we can print on T-shirts and **posters**! After all, "Don't Have a Cow" and "Eat My Shorts" have made millions in merchandising!

## Why are the **Simpsons** so beloved?

After years of *Cosby*, *Roseanne*, and *Full House*, audiences are hungry for a believable TV family!

So what if Americans enjoy watching bumbling, moronic one-dimensional characters? What's the **worst** thing that that could lead to?

## Public acceptance of Dan Quayle!

People in the public eye are constantly concerned with their image. They hire expensive Beauty Consultants and Wardrobe Experts to advise them how to present themselves in the

# USING THE SIMPSONS TO UPDATE STARS



## MARGARET THATCHER

Margaret—Maggie, it's a natural! The pacifier might even stop the fiesty Prime Minister from talking about new taxes that cause her fellow Britons to riot!



## MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

Mikhail's troubles in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Azerbaijan, Byelorussia or Mongolia will be over when he shows his countrymen that he's really a fun guy with his new Bart Simpson look. You'll notice it goes perfectly with his zany birthmark.



## CARLY SIMON

When forty-ish Carly tries singing sexy songs, she looks like your maiden aunt gone berserk! To make her image more youthful, she can hide her crows feet by using the Simpsons eye implants!



## DAN & MARILYN QUAYLE

Nineteen-ninety-six isn't so far off that the Quayles shouldn't be thinking about taking over the White House. The Simpson mouth formation will give Dan and Marilyn the simple look that perfectly compliments their political philosophy.



most appealing fashion. Well, celebrities of the world unite! Stop wasting your money! MAD has a plan to enhance your public image! With a little plastic surgery you can be...

# MADSON LOOK E APPEARANCES



**BARBARA BUSH**

Why should the First Lady just stand in the shadow of her husband when she could upstage him as effectively as Nancy Reagan did Ronnie? With the Marge Simpson beehive, Barbara is sure to be noticed at the next State Dinner or Presidential photo-op.



**YITZHAK SHAMIR**

The Middle East can sure use a laugh for a change and Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, is just the fellow to provide it! Even the Arabs will get a charge out of his loveable Simpson eyes!



**MIKE TYSON & DON KING**

To make people forget his knockout loss to Buster Douglas, ex-champ Mike Tyson has to look like a winner. Promoter Don King is fine just as he is!



**THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

Fame can be fleeting and The New Kids on the Block could get to be The Old Kids on the Block very quickly. To hold on to their already dwindling popularity, we suggest NKOTB get a complete "Simpsonization."

#### THE SHAPE OF ZINGS TO COME DEPT.

The 21st century starts in 10 years, and unless you have the lifespan of plastic, you won't be around to see it all! But it's not hard to guess what it will be like. MAD often foretells the future by examining current developments—as we did in 1952, when we predicted the invention of the electron microscope, and again in 1965, when we warned you about support hose! Now take a look at the future you'll probably miss (and consider yourself lucky!) as, once again...

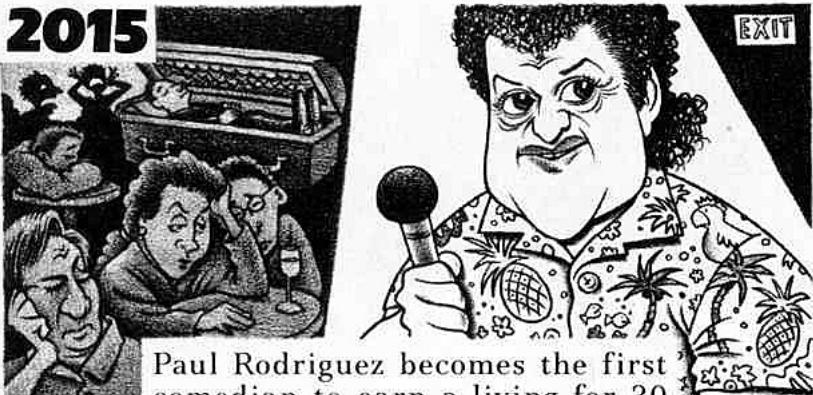


### 2002



"L.A. Law" announces that it will run for six more seasons—just long enough to wrap up all 97 of its disconnected story lines.

### 2015



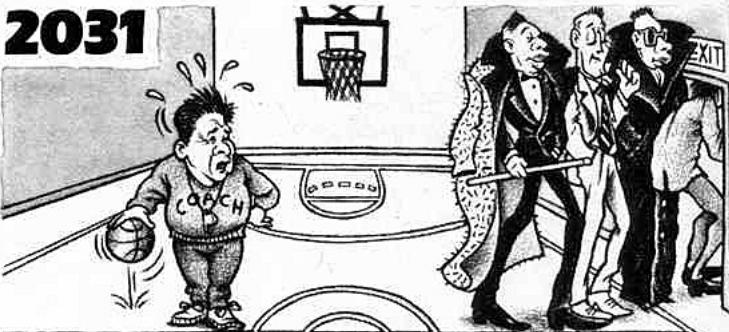
Paul Rodriguez becomes the first comedian to earn a living for 30 years without ever having been funny.

### 2029



Nolan Ryan strikes out all 27 batters in a nine-inning game, and decides to retire at the age of 82 while he's still young enough to enjoy life.

### 2031



The NBA folds after endorsement money from athletic shoe manufacturers makes every player rich enough to retire from basketball.

### 2041



Racing fans demand their money back when an automotive breakthrough makes it possible to run the Indianapolis 500 in nine minutes.



# 21ST CENTURY

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: TOM KOCH



# AHEAD OF TIME

# 2058



A new continent emerges off the Atlantic coast, made entirely of styrofoam cups and disposable diapers dumped there by New York garbage scows.

# 2076



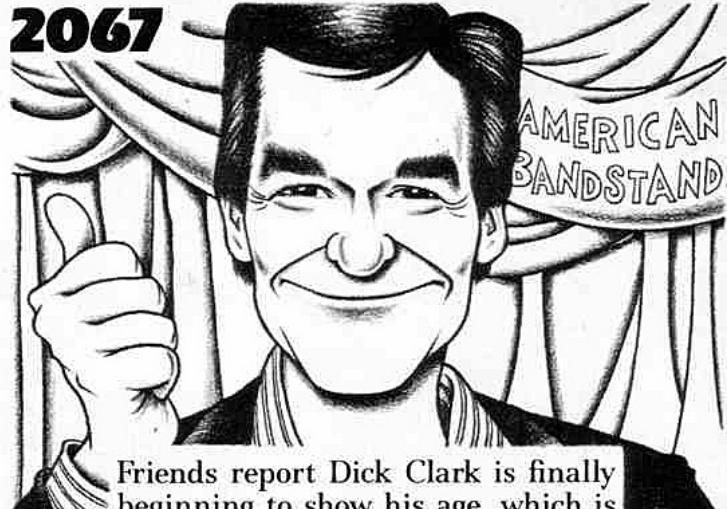
Americans learn they have just elected President a cartoon character whose TV ads were more appealing than the TV ads of any of the real candidates running.

# 2092



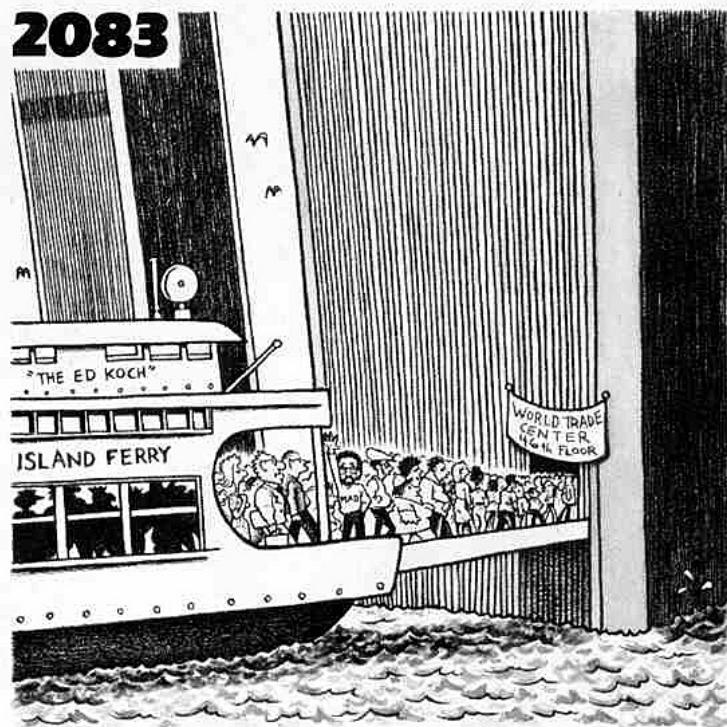
The rusting remains of a 1987 Yugo are dug up in Kansas and mistakenly identified by archeologists as an old steam-powered can opener.

# 2067



Friends report Dick Clark is finally beginning to show his age, which is kind of spooky because now he's 138.

# 2083



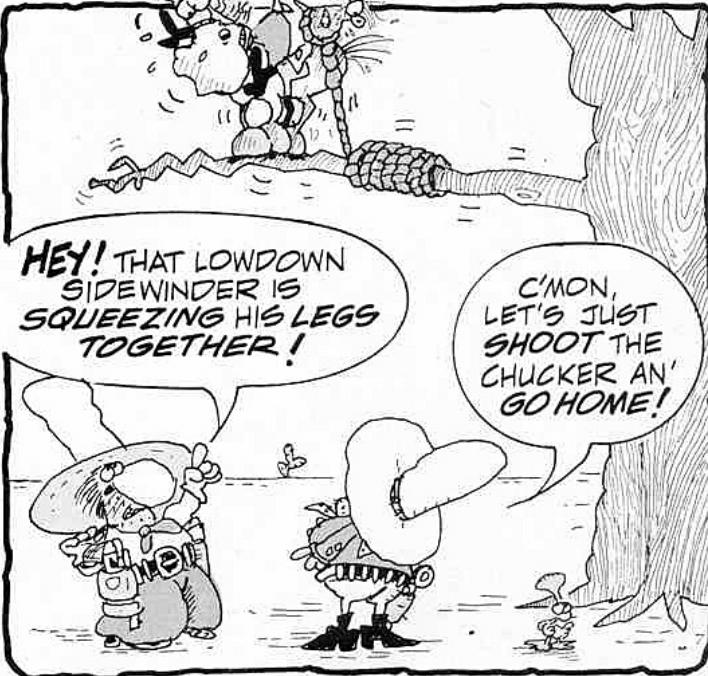
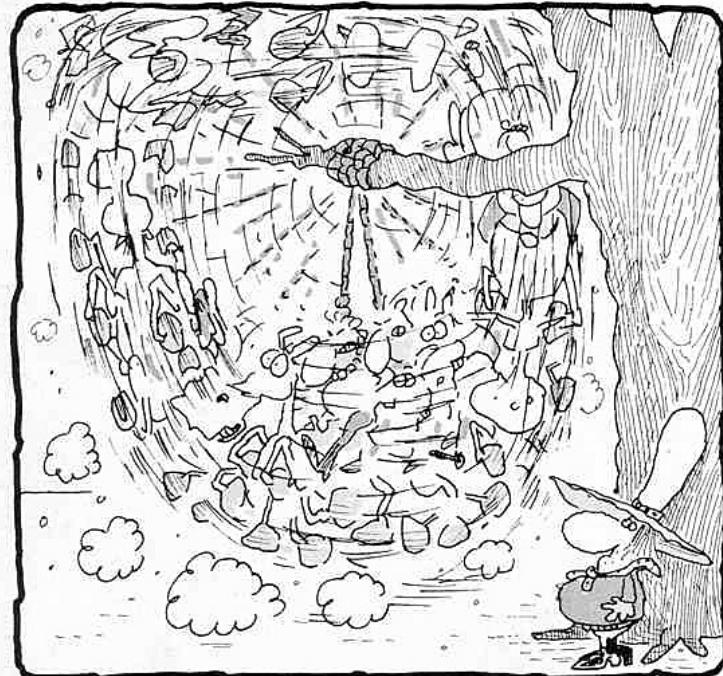
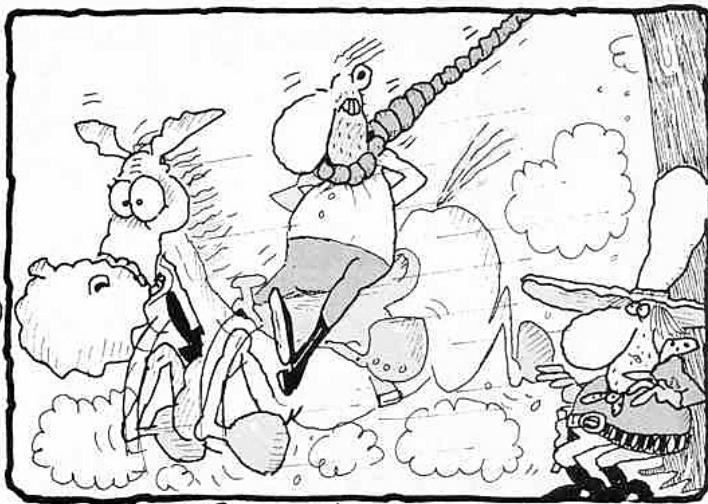
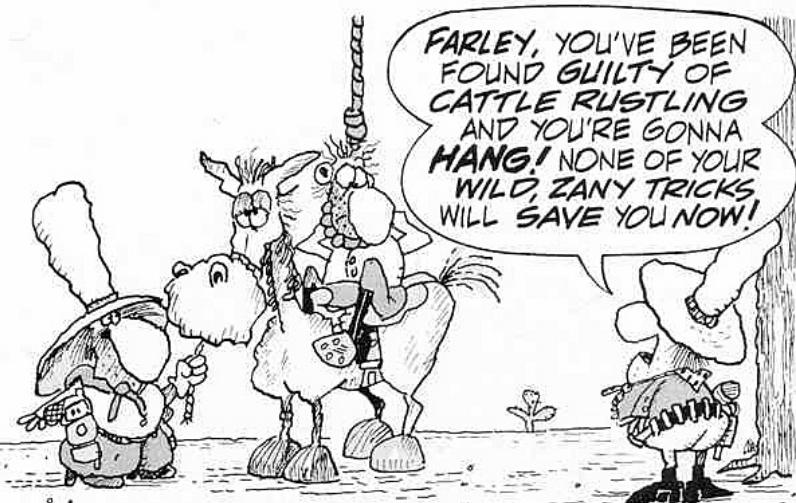
As the Greenhouse Effect melts more of the ice cap and oceans continue to rise, the Staten Island Ferry begins docking at the 46th floor of the World Trade Center, up two floors from the previous year.

# 2099



Newspaper columnists write millions of words debating whether the 22nd century will begin on January 1, 2100 or 2101.

# THE NEFARIOUS NOOSE NUISANCE



"Fax," "yuppie," "call-waiting," "vision thing"—these are just a few of the new words that entered the English language during the 1980s. But many other expressions became obsolete, because the things they describe no longer exist! Here's a sampling of these linguistic relics, namely

# WORDS and PHRASES that LEFT the ENGLISH LANGUAGE during the 80's



ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



"... safe investment ..."



"... Exxon supporter ..."



"... sports role model ..."



“...directed by William Shatner...”



“...new nuclear power plant...”



“...journalist Geraldo Rivera...”



“...check your oil?...”



“...the cheap seats...”



“...Congressional ethics...”



“...original screenplay...”

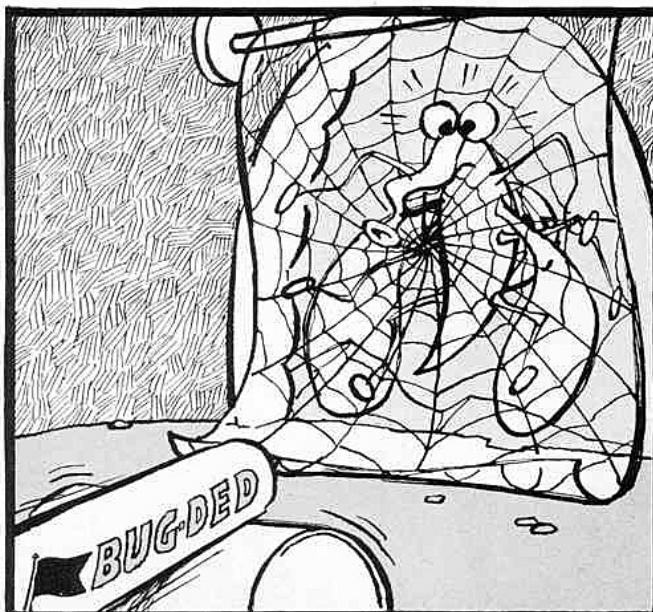
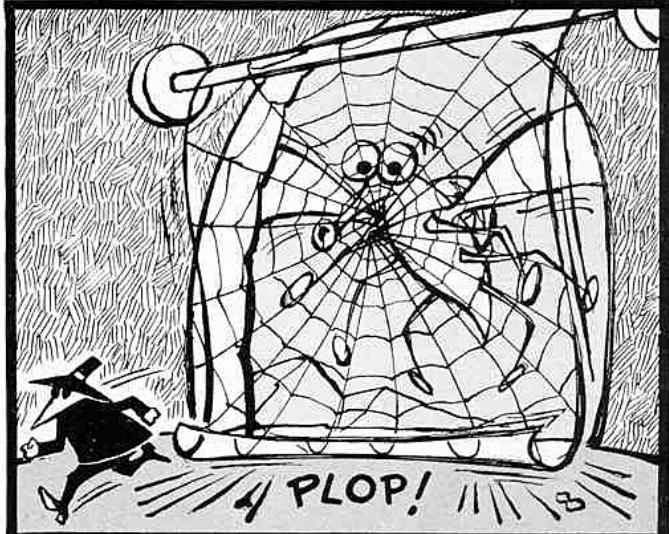
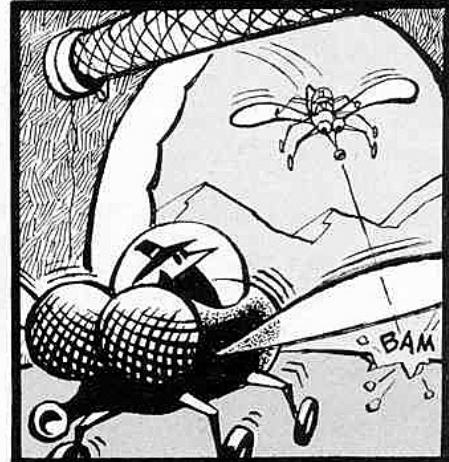
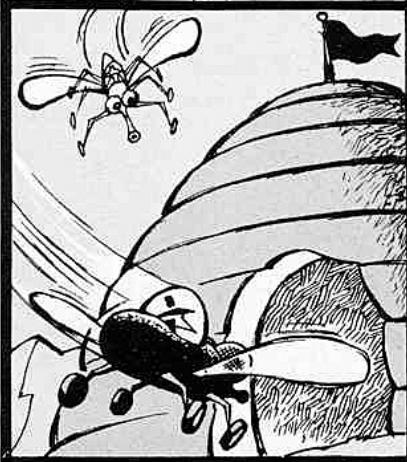
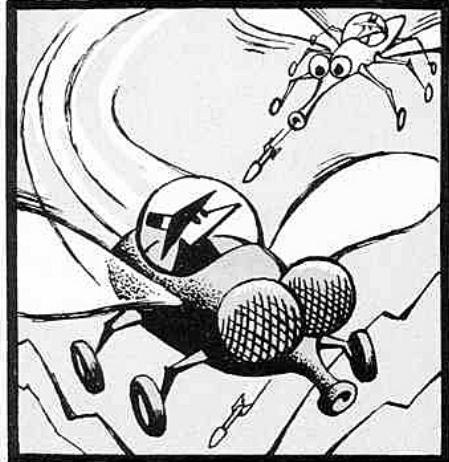


“...too old to rock 'n roll...”



“...respected TV evangelist...”

# SPY VS SPY



Hi, I'm Jock Nicholson and you're probably wondering why MAD would ask me to conduct an interview with a big-time sports player representative. It's really simple! They figured that since I played the Joker in *Batman*, I must know a lot about sleazy characters! That makes me the perfect person to talk to Jerky Kapsting, who has just been selected as...

# MAD'S SPORTS BUSINESS AGENT OF THE YEAR

ARTIST AND WRITER: ANGELO TORRES

Jerky,  
tell  
me, why  
did  
you  
become  
an  
agent?

My motives  
were pure!  
Green college  
kids can't  
handle  
unscrupulous  
owners!

You  
want  
to make  
sure kids  
get paid  
what they're  
worth?

No, the owners want to  
pay them what they're  
worth. I want to get  
them paid ridiculously  
high salaries, even if  
all they do is sit on  
the bench all the time!

Do you  
need  
any  
special  
training  
to become  
an agent?

Absolutely! You need  
to have a special  
keen sense that  
can sniff out  
young players with  
talent, heart  
and drive!

Not to mention being  
able to sniff out  
clients who are dumb  
enough to sign a deal  
giving you a big  
chunk of their  
earnings for as  
long as they live!



**Kapsting**, I demand a trade! Those ungrateful fans booted me last week, right in front of my wife and several of my girlfriends!

Imagine, boozing you after all you've done for them!

Seems to me, chief, that the **only thing** that second stringer ever did for the fans was to get ticket prices raised so the team could pay his million dollar salary!

Sorry, but there's no way you'll be traded! Nobody wants you with that huge, long-term contract!

Well, if you can't get me traded then I'll quit and get a regular civilian job. I don't need no million bucks! I can manage on 500 grand a year, easy!

Sorry kiddo, the last I heard they weren't paying 500 Grand to pump gas!



That's the trouble with jocks, they have no idea what the **real world** is about! Jenkins, take us to the State U. Campus!

Isn't it illegal to talk to an athlete while he's still in college?

Hey, sometimes in life ya gotta take chances! There's no Federal Law against it but if the **NCAA** finds out they'll throw the kid out of school!

And what happens to you?

Well, assuming I sign him, I become a millionaire! But hey, it could take a few more weeks than I expected!



Billy, you're having a **sensational year**! I think you should go "hardship" and become eligible for the draft!

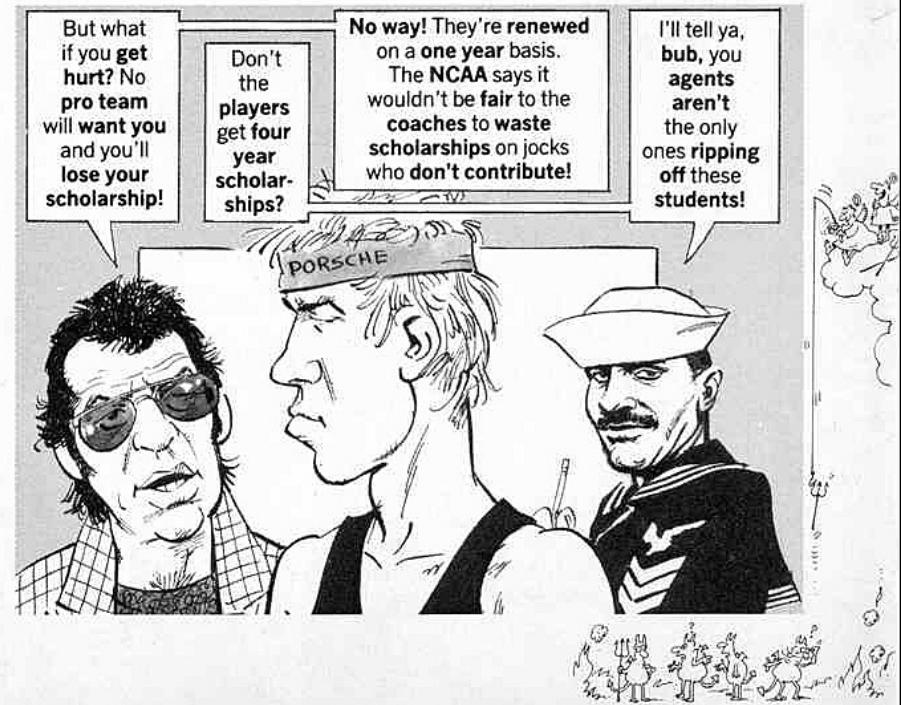
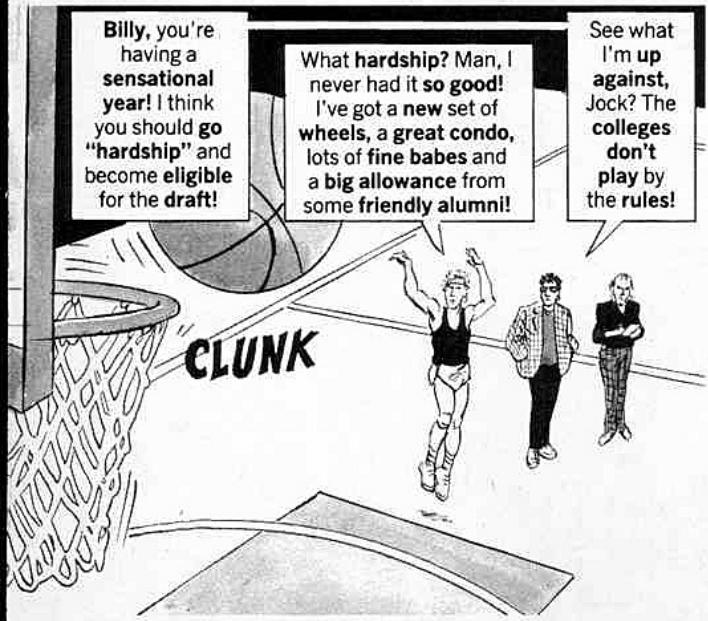
What **hardship**? Man, I never had it **so good**! I've got a new set of wheels, a great condo, lots of fine babes and a big allowance from some friendly alumni!

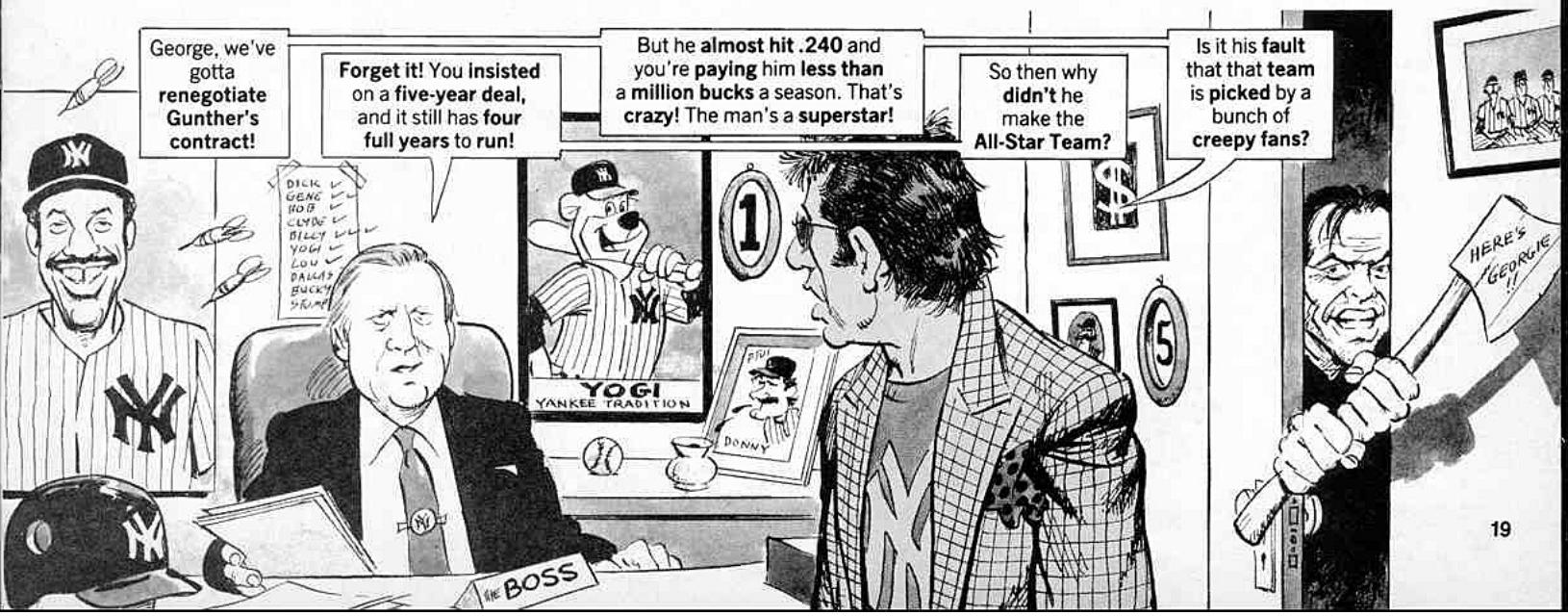
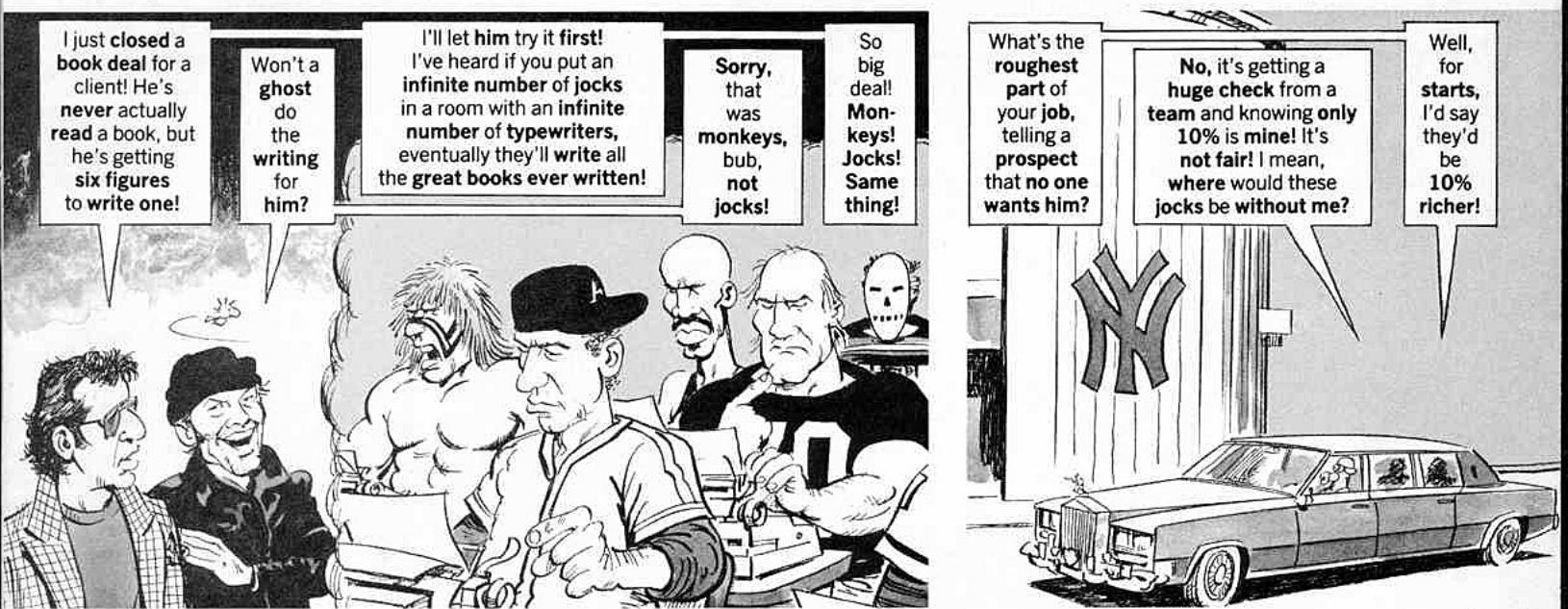
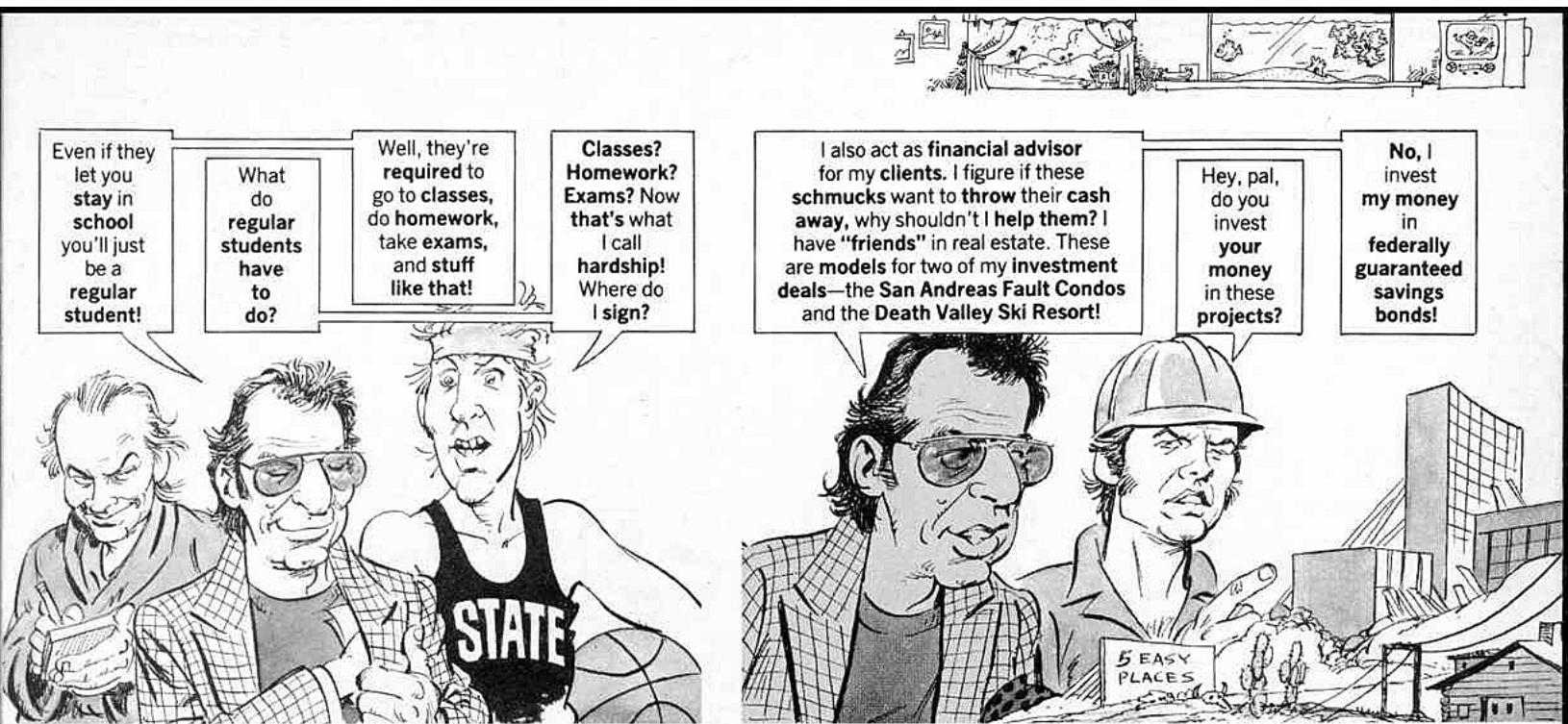
See what I'm up against, Jock? The colleges don't play by the rules!

But what if you get hurt? No pro team will want you and you'll lose your scholarship!

No way! They're renewed on a **one year** basis. The **NCAA** says it wouldn't be fair to the coaches to waste scholarships on jocks who don't contribute!

I'll tell ya, bub, you agents aren't the only ones ripping off these students!





You want to talk renegotiation? How about your other guy, Stunkel? He reached base twice in 478 at bats last year!

Look, Stunkel has a legally binding contract for ten years! You try any renegotiation funny stuff and I'll drag you into court!

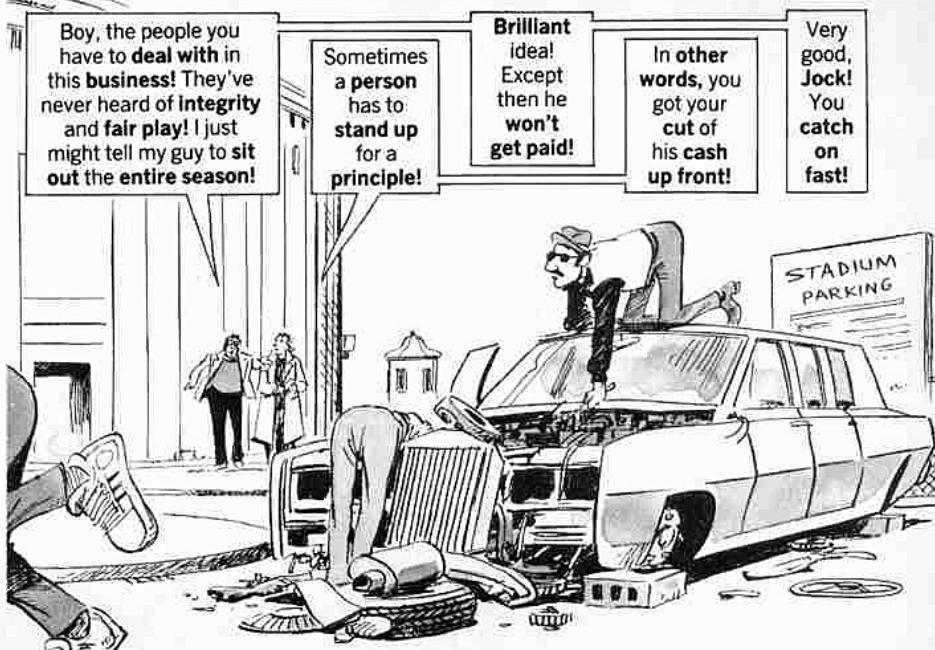
Boy, the people you have to deal with in this business! They've never heard of integrity and fair play! I just might tell my guy to sit out the entire season!

Sometimes a person has to stand up for a principle!

Brilliant idea! Except then he won't get paid!

In other words, you got your cut of his cash up front!

Very good, Jock! You catch on fast!



That's one of my clients who's training for the Olympics! I got him a multi-million dollar contract with a sneaker company!

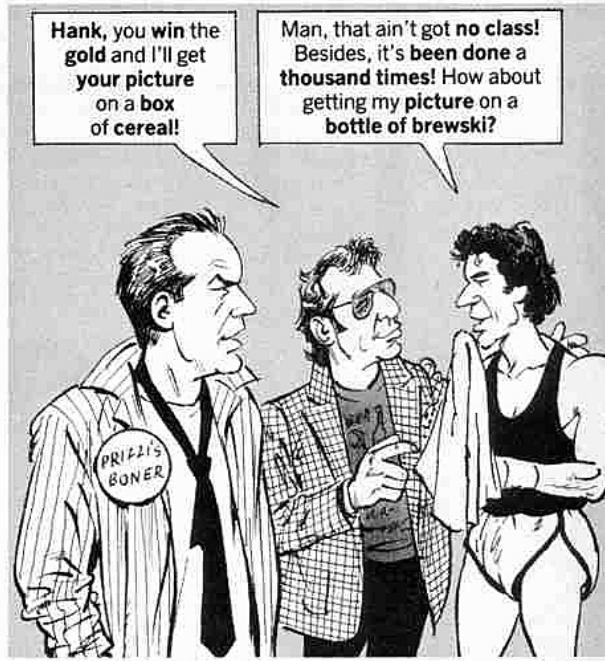
Multi-million? Doesn't that make him a professional?

A professional huckster, yes! A professional athlete, no!

Right chief, he's a multi-millionaire, but he's never made a penny playing the sport he's world famous for!

Hank, you win the gold and I'll get your picture on a box of cereal!

Man, that ain't got no class! Besides, it's been done a thousand times! How about getting my picture on a bottle of brewski?



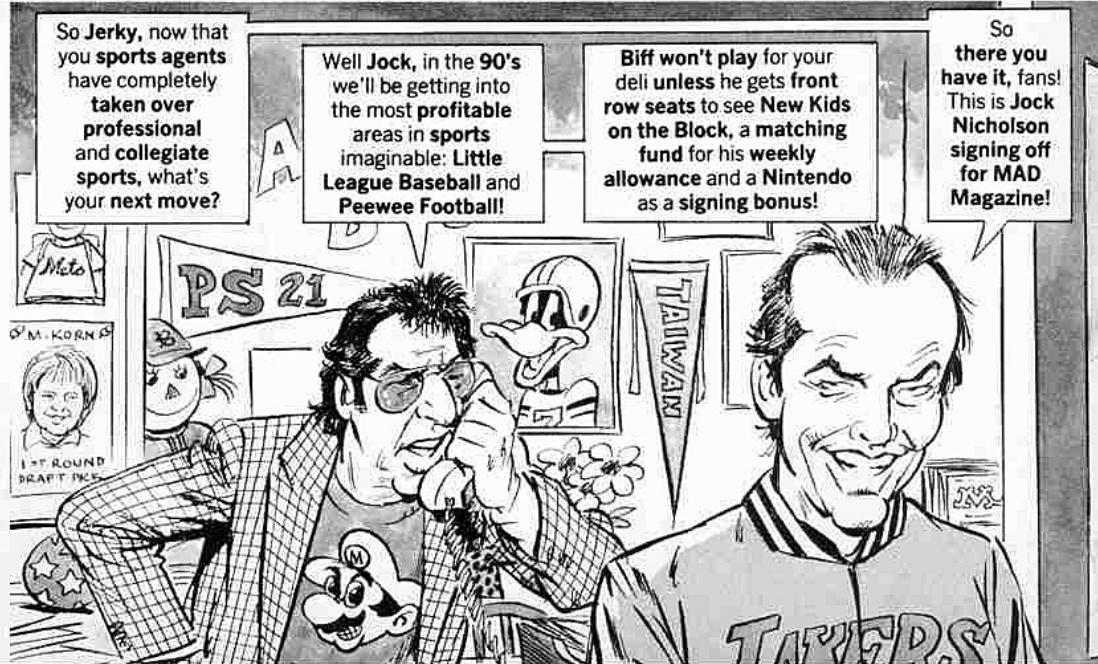
Can you imagine that jock wanting me to get him a beer endorsement? The fool! Everyone knows athletes aren't allowed to endorse beer! It would set a bad example for kids!

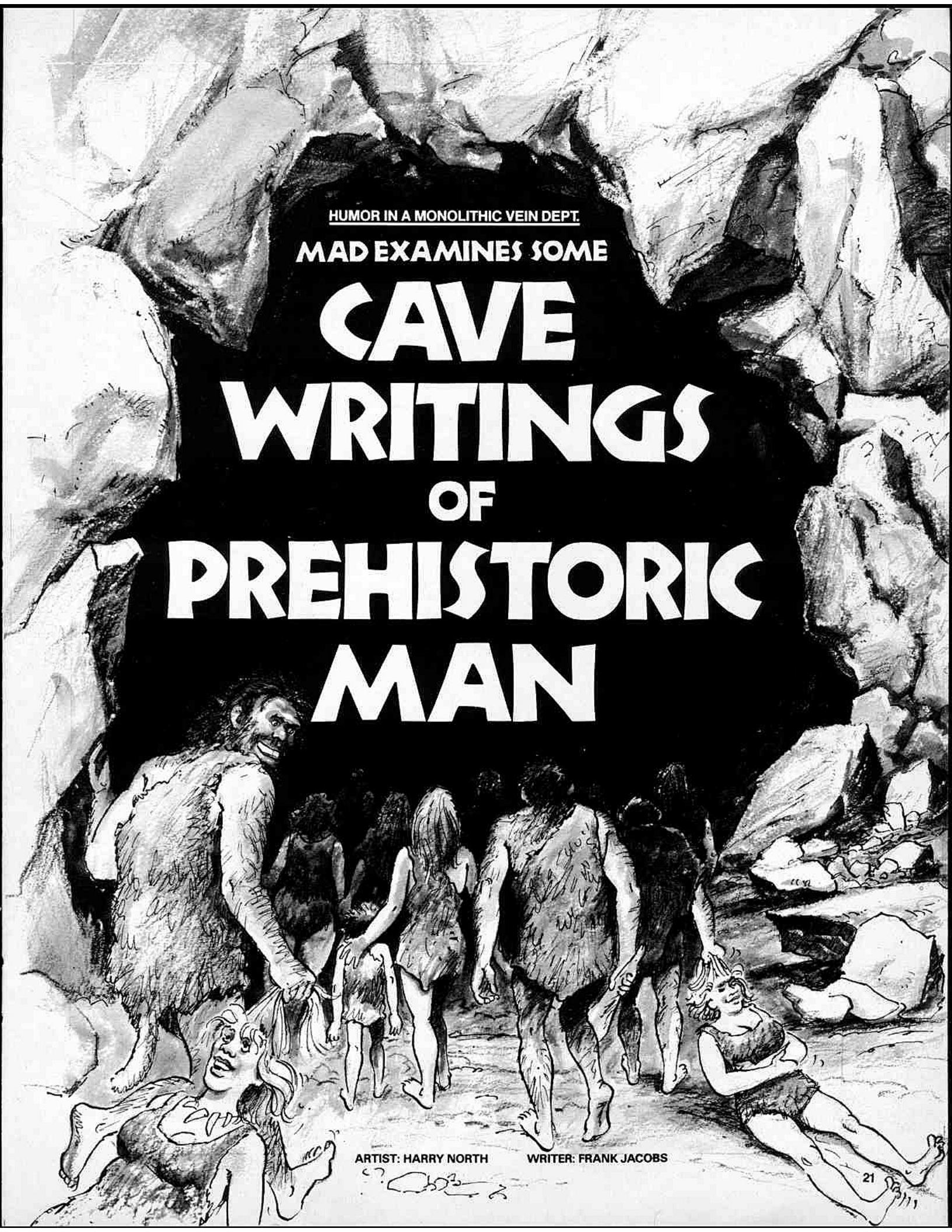
So Jerky, now that you sports agents have completely taken over professional and collegiate sports, what's your next move?

Well Jock, in the 90's we'll be getting into the most profitable areas in sports imaginable: Little League Baseball and Peewee Football!

Biff won't play for your deli unless he gets front row seats to see New Kids on the Block, a matching fund for his weekly allowance and a Nintendo as a signing bonus!

So there you have it, fans! This is Jock Nicholson signing off for MAD Magazine!





HUMOR IN A MONOLITHIC VEIN DEPT.

MAD EXAMINES SOME

# CAVE WRITINGS OF PREHISTORIC MAN

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

# An Ode by Zugga

A cave girl deserted her ex  
for a *tyrannosaurus rex*  
He adores me, she said.  
And he keeps me well-fed.  
Though we've had a few problems  
with sex.

"I KNOW  
MASTODON  
WRESTLING

DEPRESSED BY YOUR LACK OF INTELLIGENCE,  
STUCK IN THE SAME OLD RUT?  
Read the new best-seller  
"HUMAN EVOLUTION CAN  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE!"

## THE BOY WHO CRIED DINOSAUR

(A FABLE BY NOOG)

ONE DAY A BOY IN THE LAVA FIELD CRIED "DINOSAUR, DINOSAUR!" AND THE NEANDERTHALS RAN OUT TO HELP HIM. IT'S JUST A PLEISTOCENE JOKE," THE BOY SAID. "THERE IS NO DINOSAUR."

THE NEXT DAY THE BOY AGAIN CRIED "DINOSAUR DINOSAUR!" AND AGAIN THE NEANDERTHALS RAN OUT TO HELP HIM.

"GO AGAIN!" THE BOY SAID. "NO DINOSAUR." ON THE THIRD DAY, THEN THE FOURTH AND FOR THOUSANDS OF DAYS AFTER THAT THE BOY CRIED "DINOSAUR, DINOSAUR!" AND EVERY TIME THE NEANDERTHALS RAN OUT ONLY TO FIND THERE WAS NO DINOSAUR.

UNTIL ONE DAY THE BOY CRIED "DINOSAUR, DINOSAUR!" AND, AS USUAL, THE NEANDERTHALS RAN OUT TO HELP HIM. ONLY THIS TIME THEY RAN SLOWER.

"Uh-oh," the boy said to himself.  
"I think they may be catching on."

MORAL: DON'T BECOME PREDICTABLE.  
NEXT TIME, WELL, "MASTODON,  
MASTODON!"

# LET'S BAN THE SPEAR

A Political Essay

By ZCK

Now that man has split the stone, we are faced with the ultimate weapon - the SPEAR! The dawn of the spear age threatens our very survival! Till now, we could fight limited wars using clubs, tree limbs or stones. But now the Super-tribes are building up vast Spear Stockpiles - this despite the recent SALT (Spear Arms Limitation Treaty) agreements.

NO ONE OBJECTS when spears are used for peaceful, kinder, gentler purposes such as Brontosaurus slaying, one-on-one duels, to the death, or mate punishment. But in the hands of a lawless society the Spear could wipe out civilization.

It is time to ask ourselves: do we want to be a  
SOCIETY?

LECTURE  
TONIGHT  
HOW YOU  
CAN PROFIT  
FROM THE  
UPCOMING  
ICE AGE?

CAVE  
SALE

STONE FURNITURE,  
STONE FLATWEAR, STONE  
BRIC-A-BRAC, STONE POTS  
STONE PATIO CHAIRS

STONE COLLECTABLES.

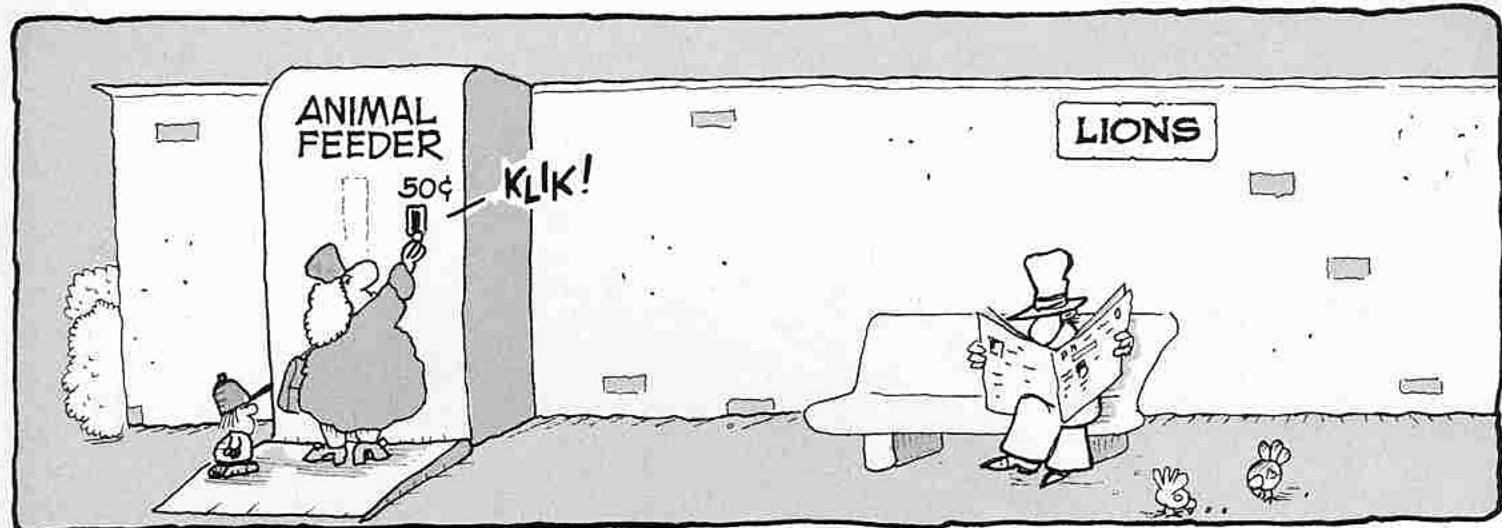
MUST SELL.

AM MOVING TO TREE  
WORLD THE  
HERBIVORE

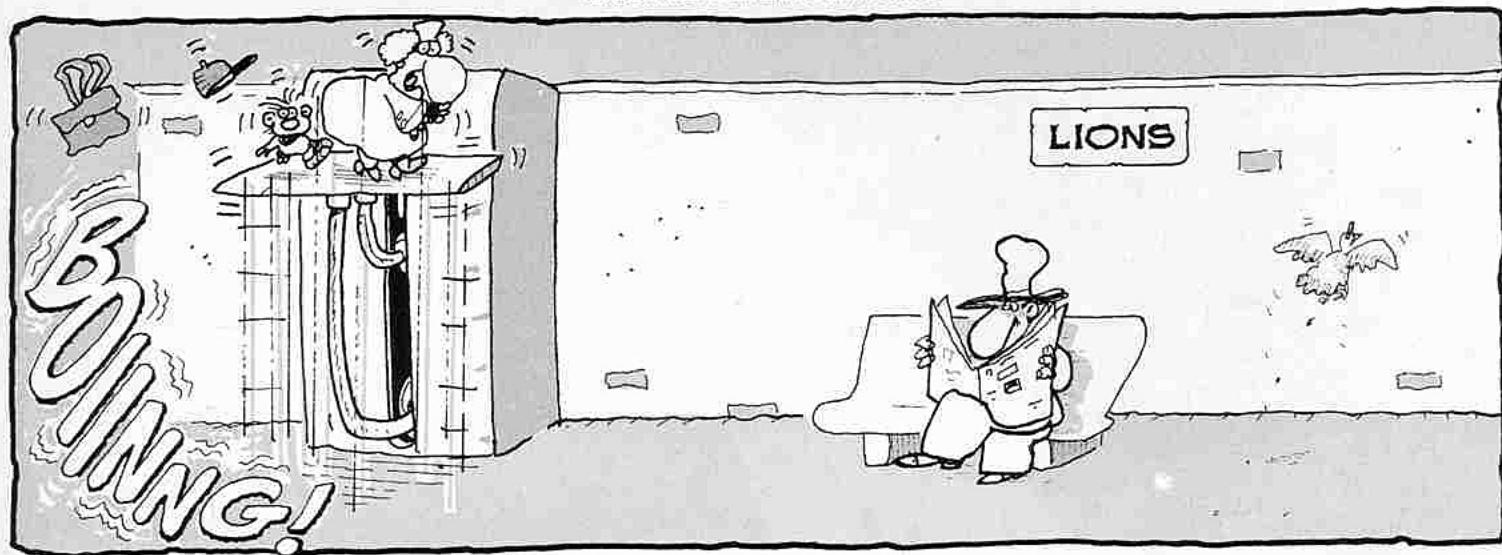
Another  
Ode by Zugga

Today while talking to a guy  
Big globs came falling from the sky  
We should have moved from where we stand  
That pterodactyl got us good!

# THE ZIPPY ZOO ZAPPER



ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING



PLANE NONSENSE DEPT.

# The MAD People Watcher's Guide to an Airport

ARTIST: TOM BUNK  
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

Blissfully unaware that she's just erased 200 Christmas reservations from the computer.

About to become statistic on police blotter when she tells "Mongo" he's spent an hour on the wrong line.

Promised he'd flush a "frozen surprise" over his friend Timmy's house after takeoff.

Isn't a terrorist; just gets off on having people think he is.

Is a terrorist, and worried sick about guy in turban!

## BOARDING GATE B

Prepared to argue about the definition of "carry-on" for hours, if necessary!

Building up a 4-hour supply of nicotine in bloodstream before boarding.

Petrified of flying, now back in the "friendly skies" after trying to deal with Amtrak!

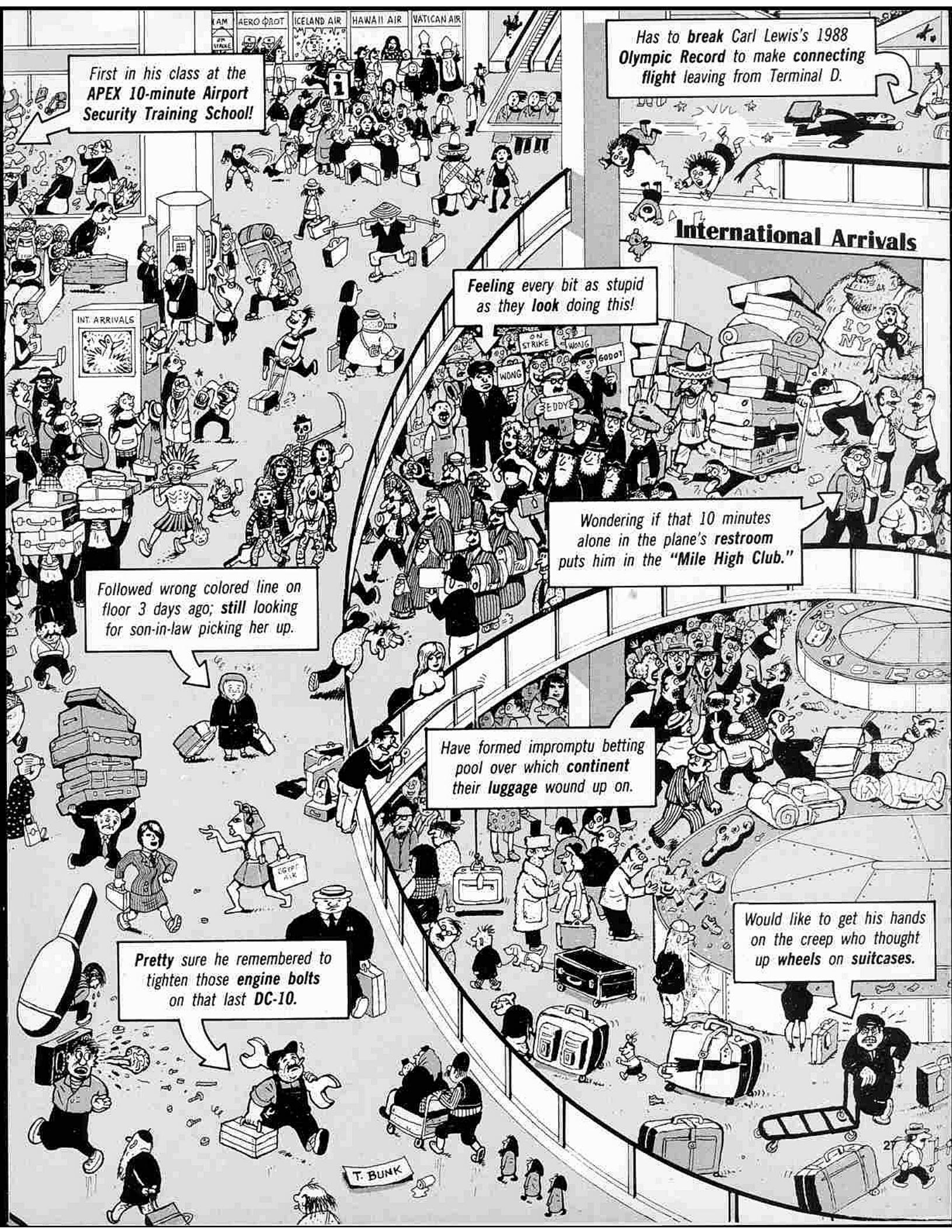
Desperately hoping his wife doesn't show up to see him off.

Just spent 3 hours driving to airport and finding parking space for a 30-minute shuttle flight.

Pretending to be engrossed in article on Bob Saget so dork in next seat doesn't start up a conversation.

Actually only wants to read the Bob Saget piece after she's done!

Spent years perfecting his "You undertipped me" sneer and grunt.



SCRIPT TEASE DEPT.

Not even your parents are old enough to remember this, but once upon a time, Hollywood made movies that were original—not sequels or re-makes or outright rip-offs of other films. Nowadays, it's a different story...no, actually, it's the *same* story over and over! That's the problem! Well, we still yearn for those days when a "new movie" really was new! And since none of those overpaid "geniuses" out in Tinseltown can do it, it's up to us *underpaid* geniuses over here at MAD to come up with...

# TOTALLY ORIGINAL NEVER-BEEN-DONE BEFORE MOVIE PLOTS

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



A beautiful, sexy, older woman guides a shy and inexperienced teenage boy on the road to manhood and maturity by introducing him to a very nice girl his own age — and *not by seducing him!*



After terrorizing a sleepy suburban neighborhood, an otherworldly monster is captured, stabbed 12 times, gunned-down, set on fire, chopped to bits and fed through a meat grinder, *yet miraculously dies, and never causes trouble again!*



A spunky female gym teacher — reluctantly hired on as Fillmore High's Varsity Football Coach — surprises everyone, including herself, *by leading the team to the worst record in its history!*



Three teenage couples out for a little hanky-panky at the lake unwittingly stumble upon a run-down cabin that *isn't home to a psychopathic ax-slayer!*



Teenage hacker Morrie Byte is dumbfounded when, after punching a few simple numbers into his Apple II, *he fails to break into a U.S. Missile Launch Computer!*



When a group of 60's-radicals-turned-80's-yuppies are reunited for a weekend, the contradictions between their youthful idealism and their present-day materialistic lifestyle *never occur to any of them!*



A ten-year-old boy who can't wait to grow up meets a 40-year-old man who wants to be a kid again—and—despite the intervention of a benevolent angel—*they resolve their problems without switching bodies!*



Two Chicago undercover cops break the back of a drug ring by gathering hard evidence and doing real police work—not by *making snappy patter and joking around!*



A respected Karate Master takes an awkward but eager young American under his wing and is shocked when—despite 6 months of intensive training—*his student is savagely beaten and humiliated by some street punk!*



**BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.**

# THE LIGHT

## LAWYERS

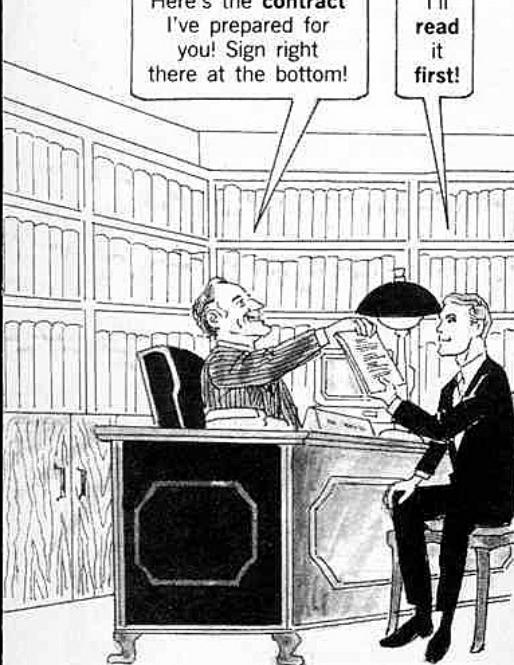
Here's the **contract** I've prepared for you! Sign right there at the bottom!

I'll read it first!

Well, did you understand it?

Every word!

Then I must have done something wrong!



## RISK



Ending my life? I'm not going to jump! I'm just doing my work in the fresh air!

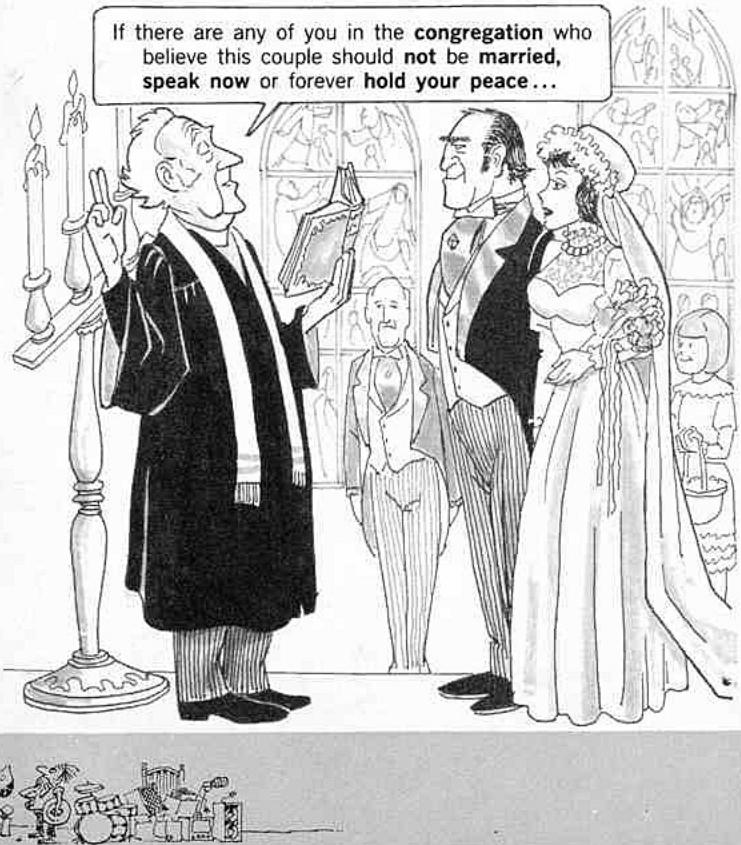


# R SIDE OF...

## WEDDING CEREMONIES

ARTIST & WRITER:  
DAVE BERG

If there are any of you in the congregation who believe this couple should not be married, speak now or forever hold your peace...



...after I state my reasons!

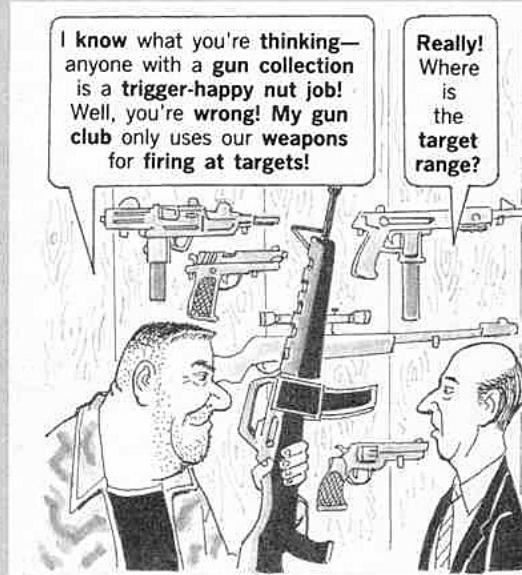
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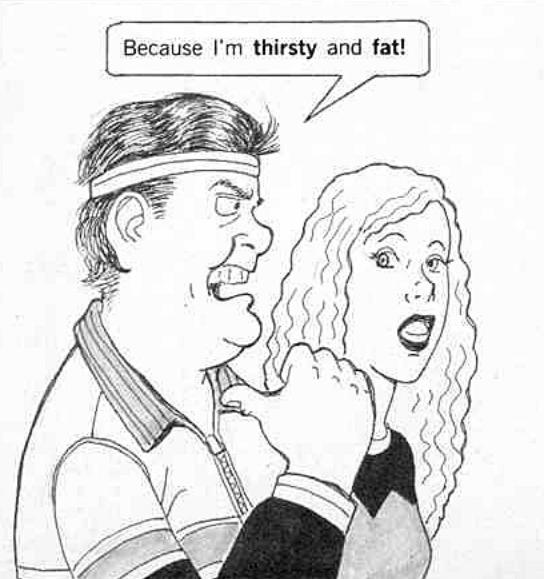
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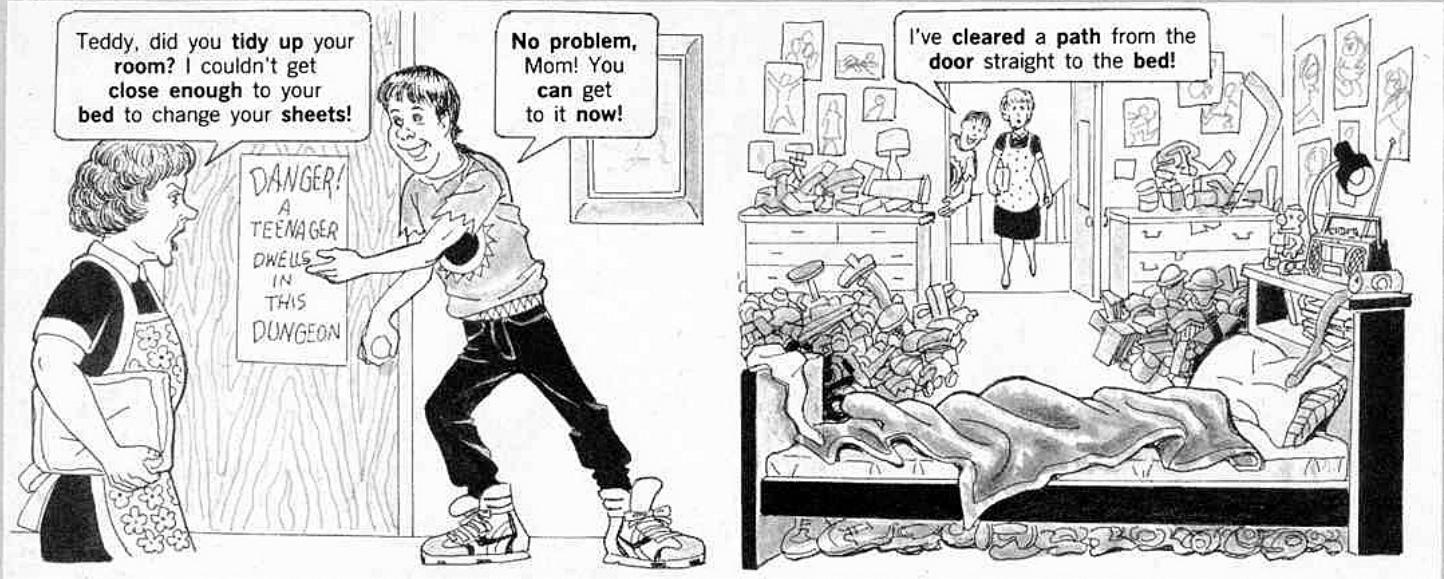
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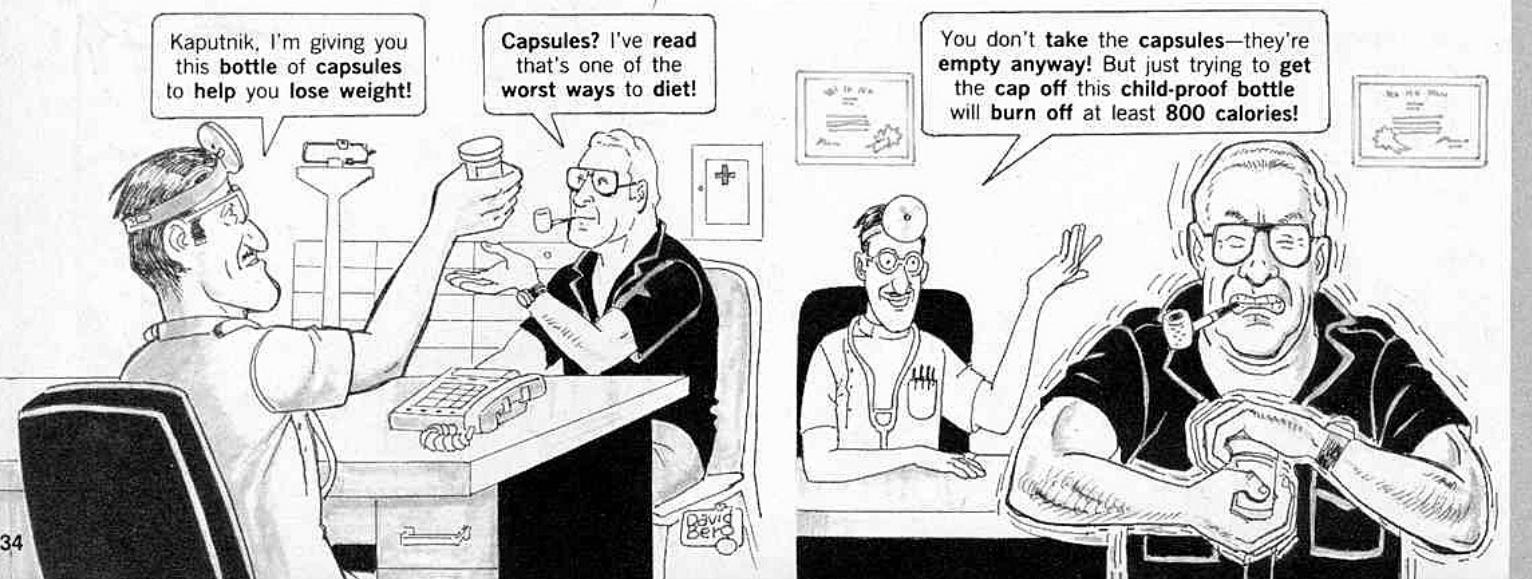
# THE OFFICE



## NEATNESS



## DOCTORS



# THE RAGING RABBLE'S REVENGE

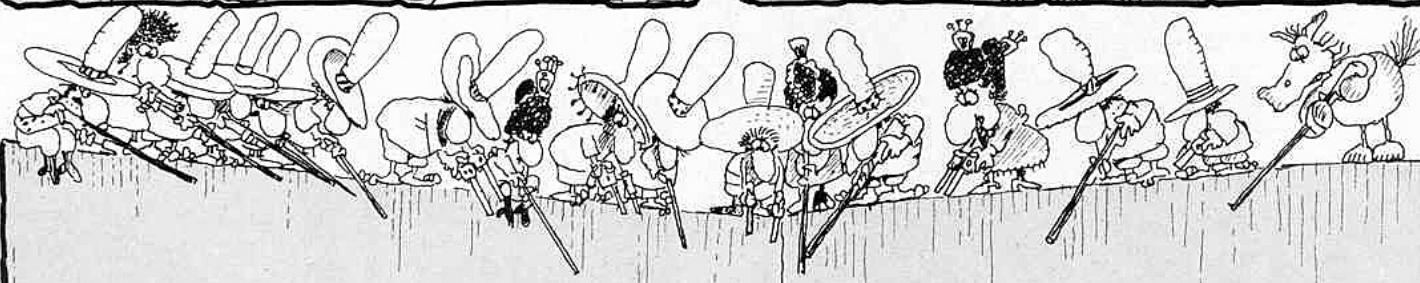
SEÑOR NEGRON, FOR COMMITTING  
THE FOLLOWING CRIMES:

- PUTTING SLEEPING PEOPLE'S HANDS  
IN WARM TEQUILA DURING SIESTA...
- TEACHING HORSES TO PLAY THE MARACAS...
- PERFORMING THE FLAMENCO WITH A  
MULE IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE...
- ASKING YOUR FRIENDS' WIVES  
TO PLAY WITH YOUR PIÑATA...

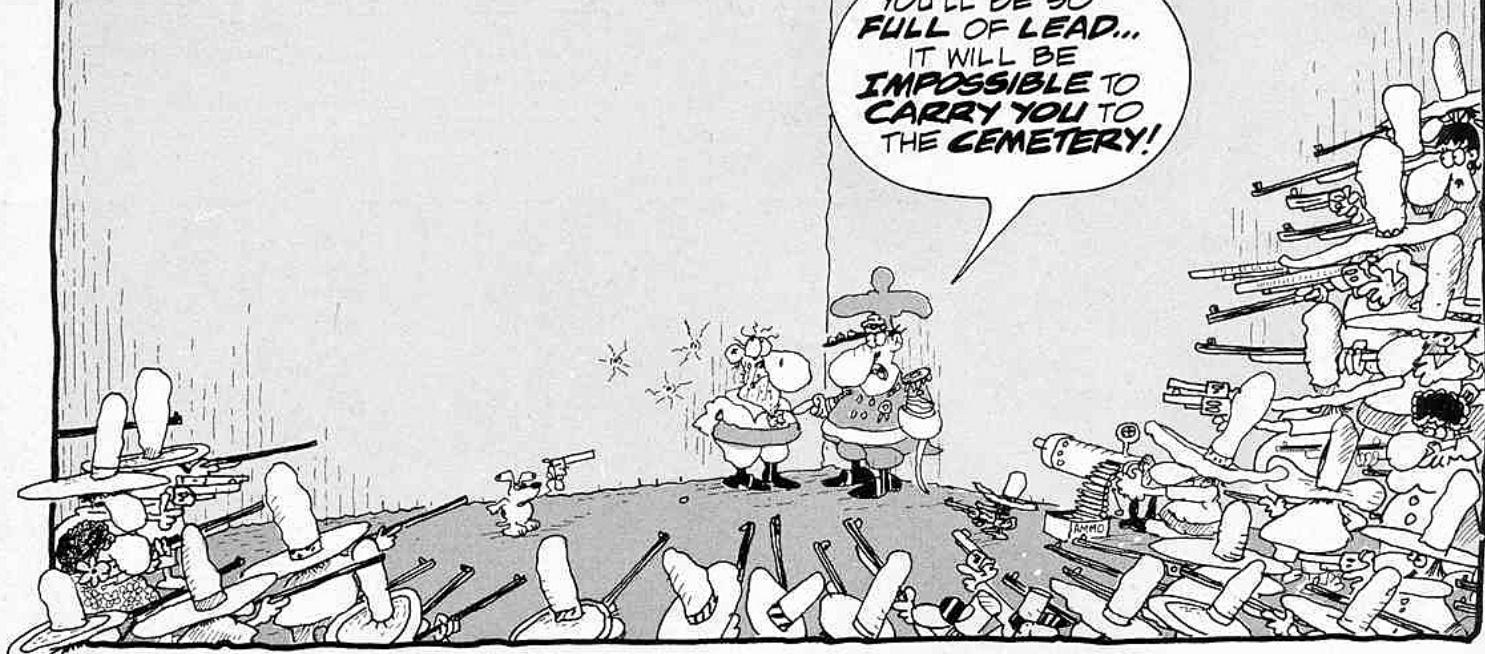
YOU ARE SENTENCED TO **DIE!**

YOU ARE THE MOST HATED MAN  
IN SIERRA HUEVOS! YOU WILL  
BE SHOT AND BURIED  
RIGHT WHERE YOU FALL!

SOB...  
SOB...  
WHY  
HERE?



YOU'LL BE SO  
FULL OF LEAD...  
IT WILL BE  
IMPOSSIBLE TO  
CARRY YOU TO  
THE CEMETERY!



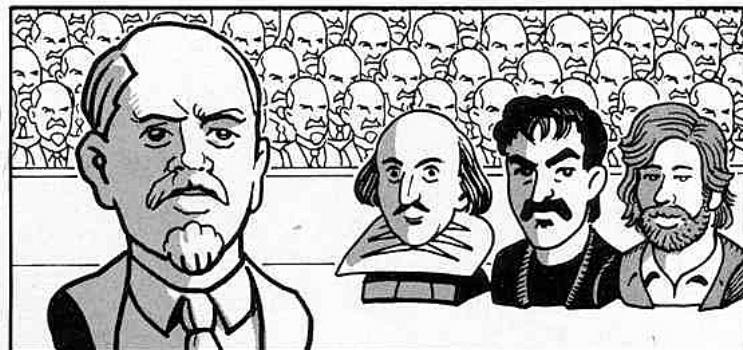
ATTENTION K. MARX SHOPPERS DEPT.



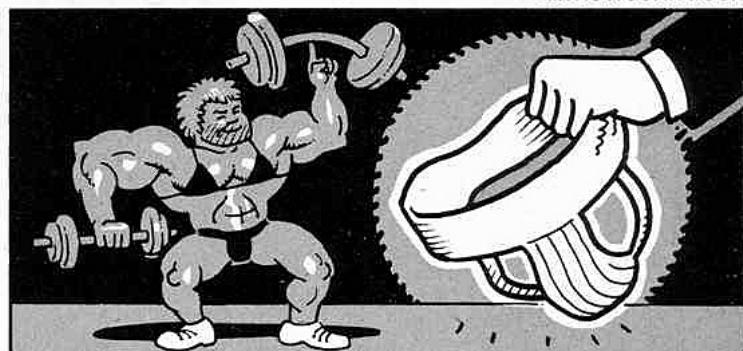
With the recent stunning collapse of many Communist regimes all over the world, it may just be a matter of time until we see ads for the...



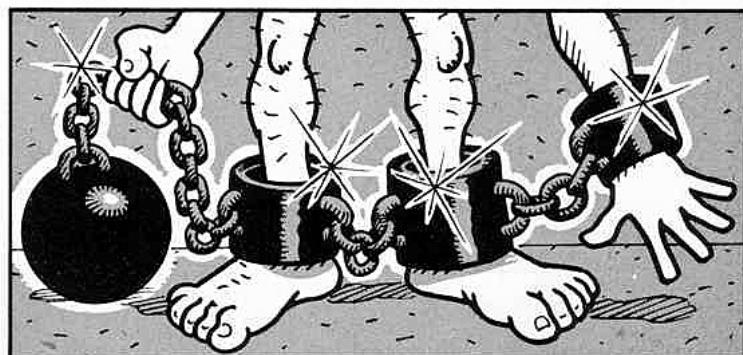
# WORLD COM



Dros Vyutnya! I'm CRAZY GORBY, here with loads of used Glasnost bargains! Just look at our first item: **25,000 Plaster Busts of Lenin!** They can easily be converted into busts of your favorite Western heroes, including Shakespeare, Frank Zappa, Steven Spielberg and more!



ARTIST: JOHN POUND



Here we have some lovely Wrist and Ankle "Jewelry" from Siberia! They were formerly used to restrain inmates ...uh, mental patients, who were all miraculously "cured" when I took over the government!

# MUNISM CLOSE-OUT SALE



Need paper to jot down phone messages and shopping lists? Try these **Pre-Marked Ballot Note Pads**! Before Glasnost, we printed up a 10-year supply of already-filled-out voter ballots! Luckily, they're as one-sided as the elections we planned to use them for!



We've got boxcars full of **Marxist-Version History Books**... Every one a comedy classic! Just listen to these titles: "Stalin: Prince of Peace," "1979: The Soviet Rescue of Afghanistan," "The Happy Days of Mao's Cultural Revolution" and hundreds more!

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



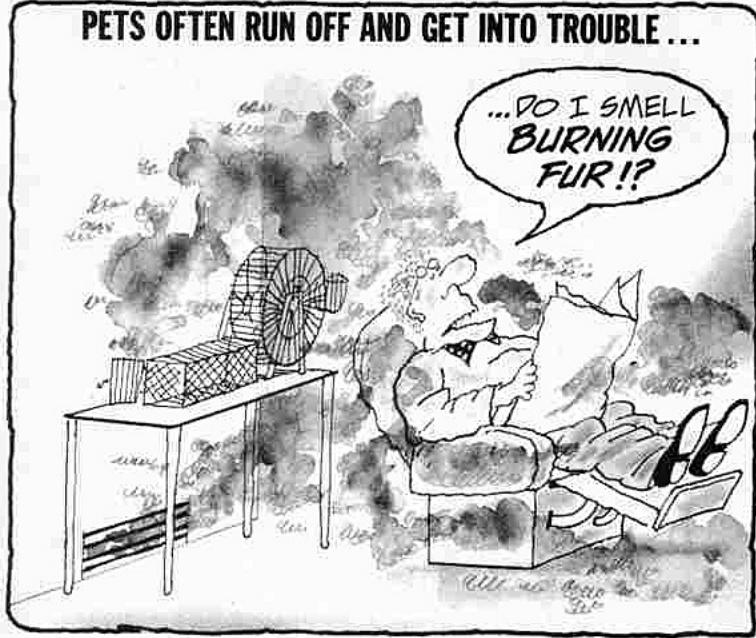
We've recently removed all of our **Electronic Bugs** from the American Embassy in Moscow and they can be yours! Each listening device is KGB-guaranteed for one full year!



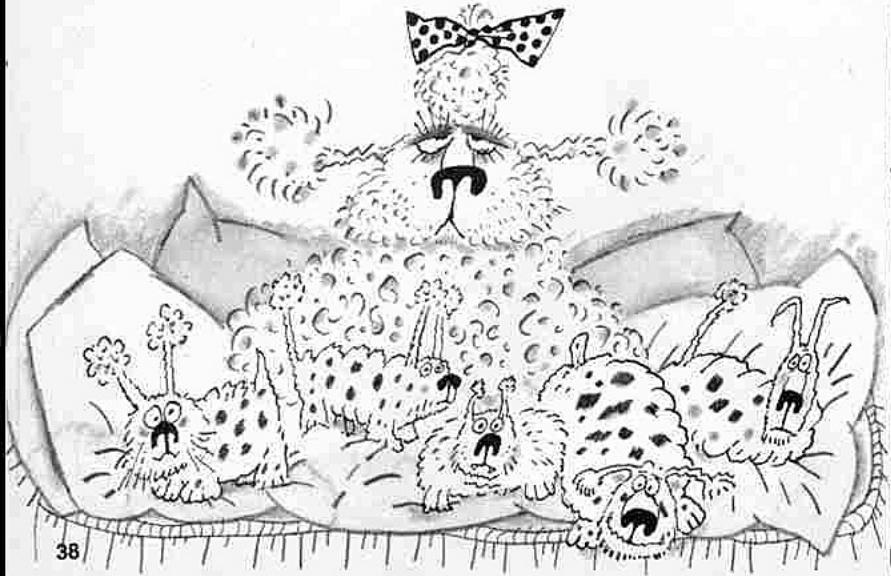
CLAWS AND DEFECTS DEPT.

# THE 9 REAL REASONS

PETS OFTEN RUN OFF AND GET INTO TROUBLE ...



PETS NEVER PRACTICE "SAFE SEX" ...



PETS SOMETIMES TURN ON THEIR MASTERS ...



# WHY YOUR PARENTS WON'T LET YOU HAVE

PETS ARE ONLY CONCERNED WITH  
THEIR OWN COMFORT...



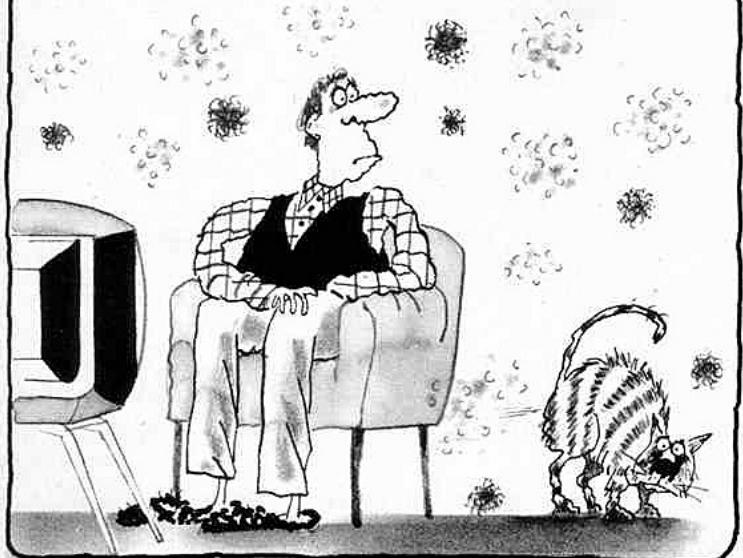
PETS CAN REALLY MAKE YOUR HOUSE  
GUESTS UNCOMFORTABLE ...



PETS ARE USUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAIN ...



PETS FREQUENTLY CONTRACT STRANGE DISEASES ...



PETS CONSIDER THEMSELVES EQUALS ...



A  
**PET!**

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



PETS CAN BE EASILY FREAKED ...



#### A LITTLE SMART ASKED DEPT.

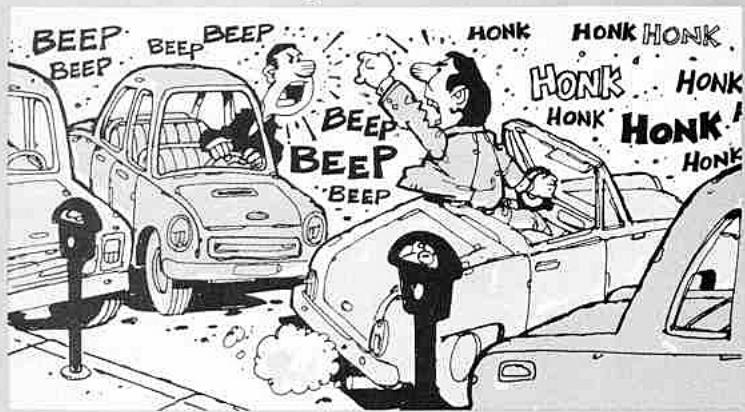
For all the triumphs of American education, we are still lacking in many key areas. If you don't believe us, just take a look at all the goofy cheeseheads walking around! Poor schnooks who can't function in the real world! Alas, if only the schools they went to had taught them...

*Every American should learn enough... **MATH***



...so we'll have store clerks who can make change when the computerized cash register breaks down!

*Every American should learn enough... **PHYSICS***



...to know that two solids cannot occupy the same volume of space...no matter how hard you honk your car horn first!

*Every American should learn enough... **GRAMMAR***



...to be aware that many intelligible sentences can be formed without inserting "y'know" or "like" after every third word!

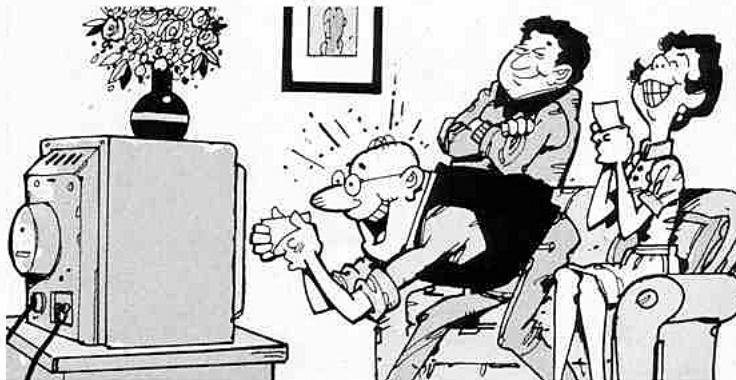
# **WHAT EVER SHOULD BE**

*Every American should learn enough... **MEDICINE***



...to figure out that the cold you caught from someone else just might be contagious to others!

*Every American should learn enough... **STATISTICS***



...to realize that "One-in-25,000,000" is so close to "ZERO-in-25,000,000" that not buying a lottery ticket gives you almost virtually the same chance of winning as when you do buy one!

*Every American should learn enough... **ELECTRONICS***



...to remember that the Laws of Voltage and Current that relate to "Circuit Overloading" remain in force throughout the holiday season!

# EVERY AMERICAN REQUIRED TO LEARN



ARTIST: BOB JONES

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

Every American should  
learn enough... **ASTRONOMY**



...to ask themselves, "How can stars that are zillions of miles away know that I should 'avoid emotional entanglements tomorrow'?"

Every American should  
learn enough... **CHEMISTRY**



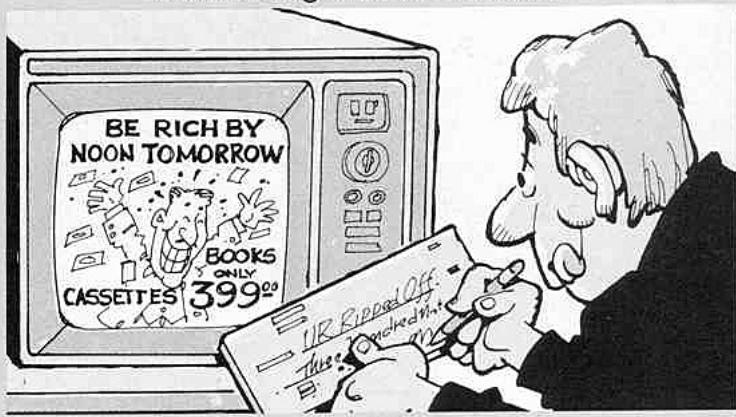
...to know that putting some glitzy celebrity's name on the label has absolutely no effect on the molecular composition of cheap perfume!

Every American should  
learn enough... **HOMEMAKING**



...to know at least the principles of cooking for yourself—in case the local McDonald's ever closes down!

Every American should  
learn enough... **ECONOMICS**



...to realize that a "get rich quick" course that really worked would be in such demand that it would not have to advertise on cable TV at three a.m.!

Every American should  
learn enough... **LAW**



...to avoid winding up as just another babbling, unprepared moron in front of millions of "People's Court" viewers!

Every American should  
learn enough... **POLITICAL SCIENCE**



...to know that "a renegade Marine colonel in the White House basement" is not one of the branches of government envisioned by the founding fathers! 41

# A MAD LOOK AT SU



# PERMARKETS

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## MILKING AMNESIA DEPT.

There's a brand new sci-fi movie out with so many *defects* in the plot, acting and special effects, that it *breaks down* before it *runs* even an hour! That's why we *airbags* at MAD are convinced this *lemon* of a *clunker* of a *bomberino* should be...

# TOTALLY RECALLED

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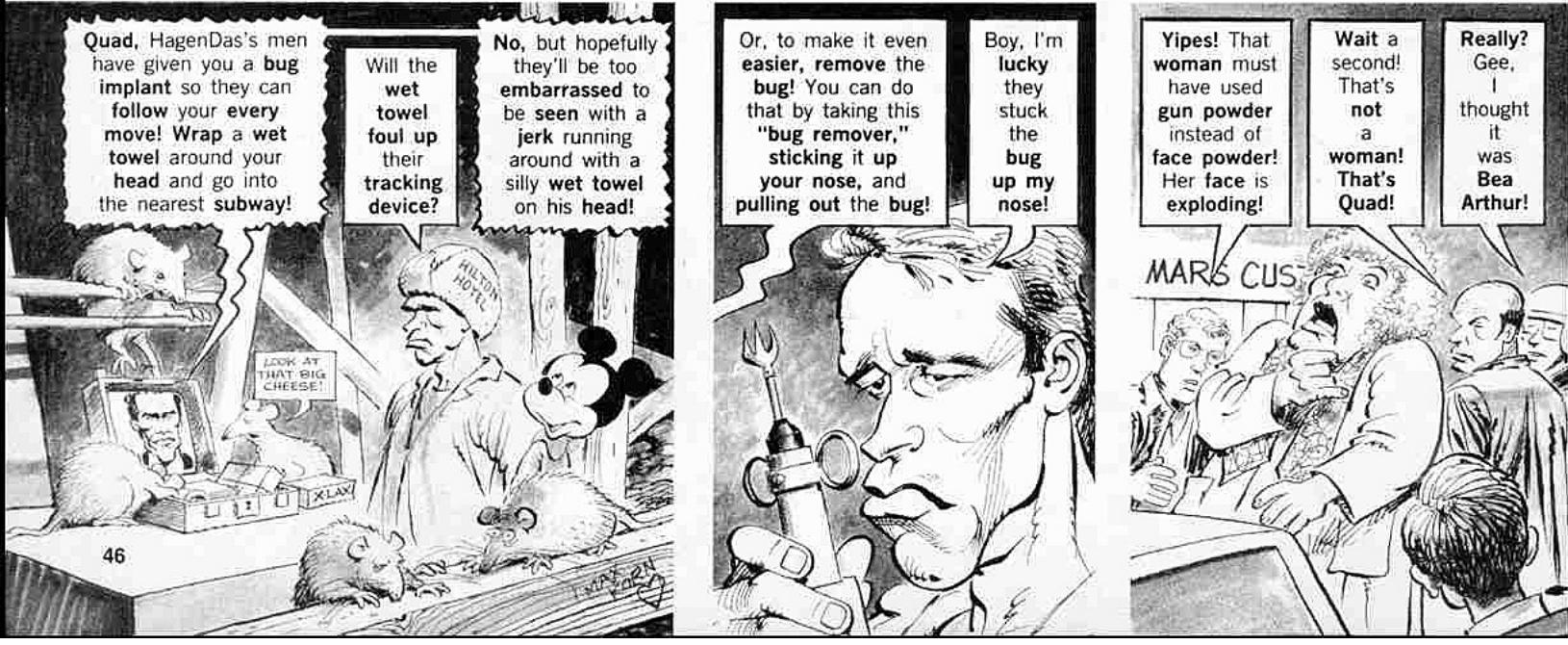
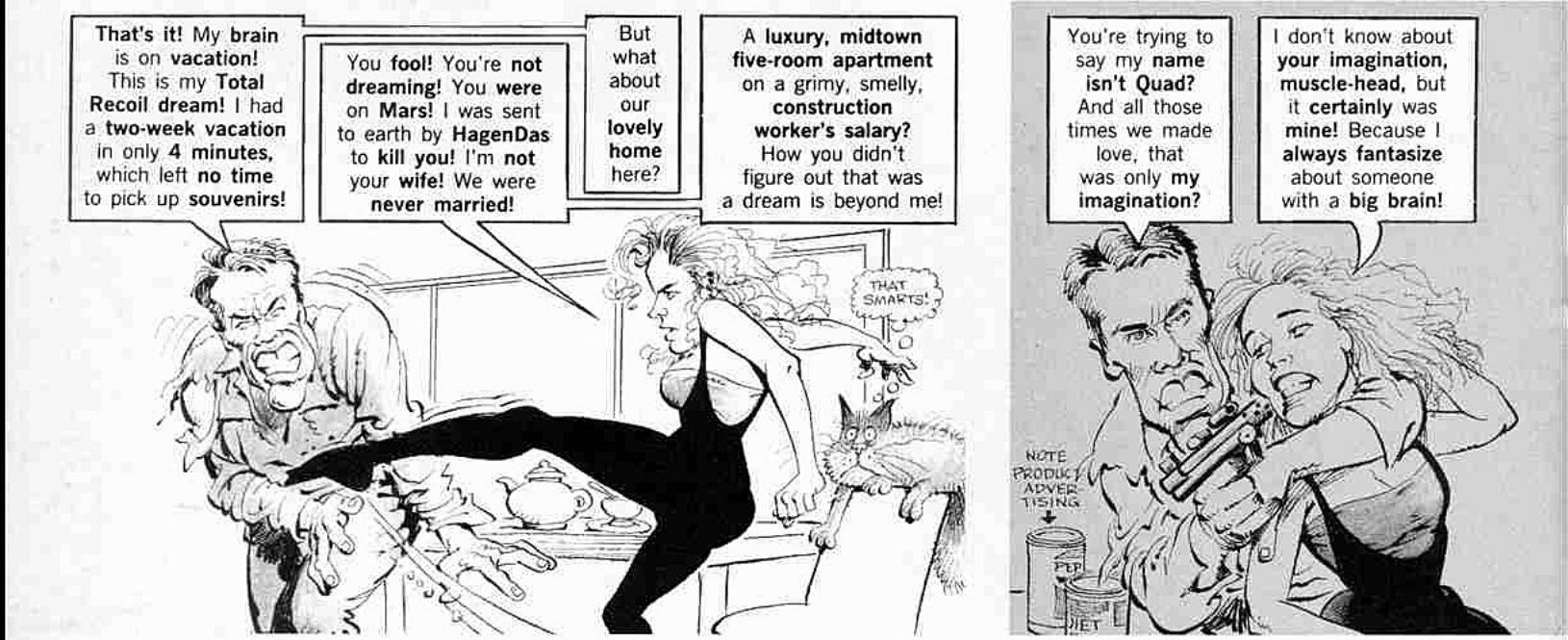
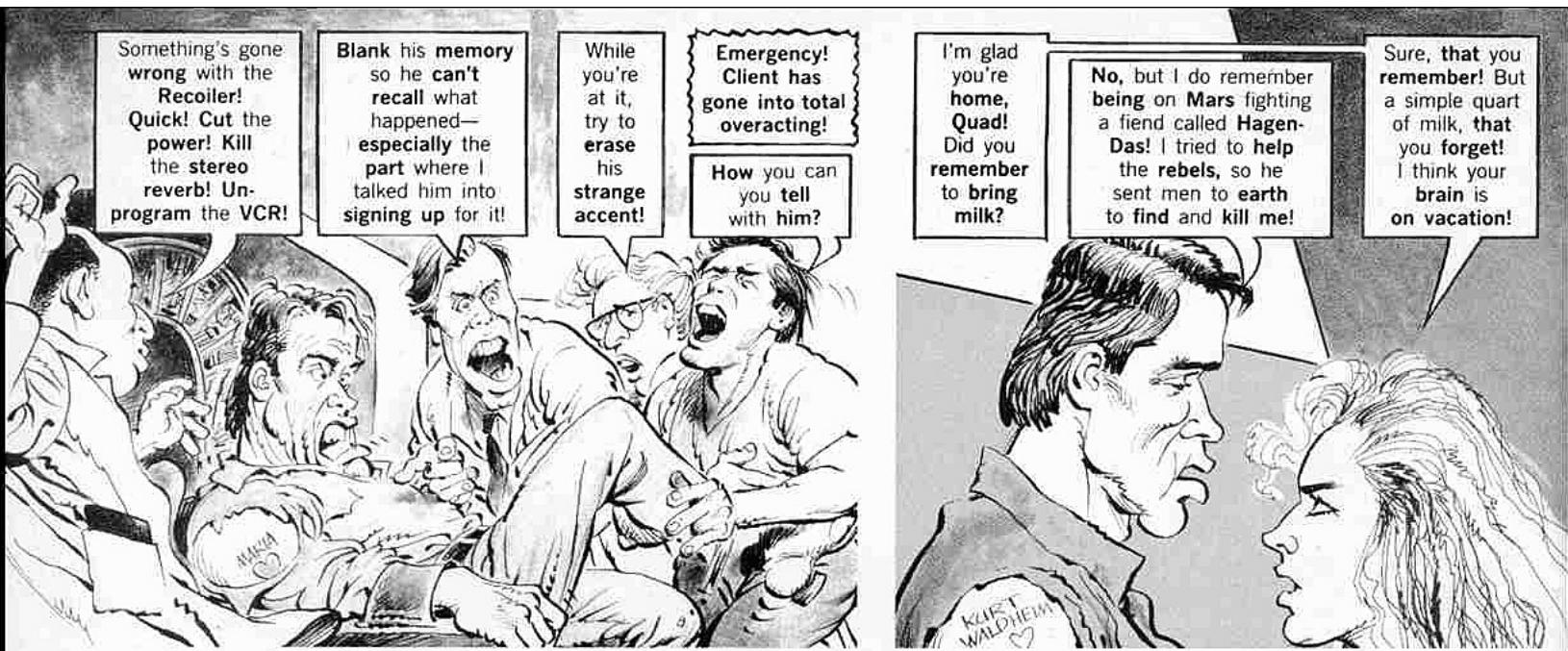
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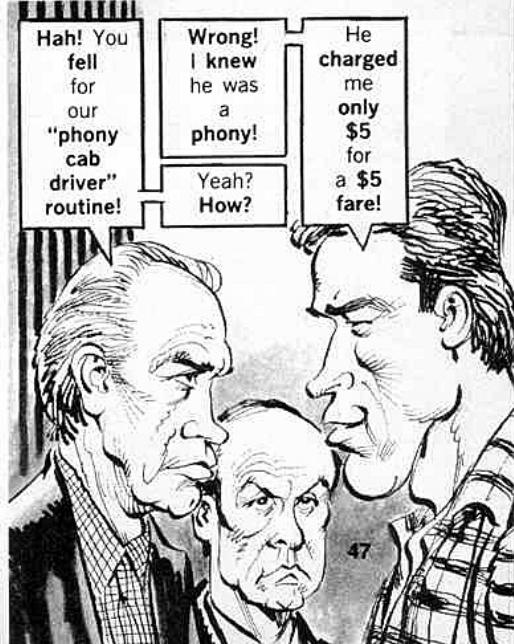
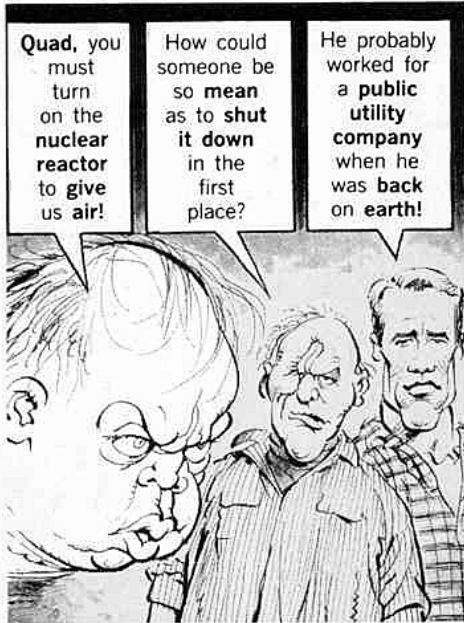
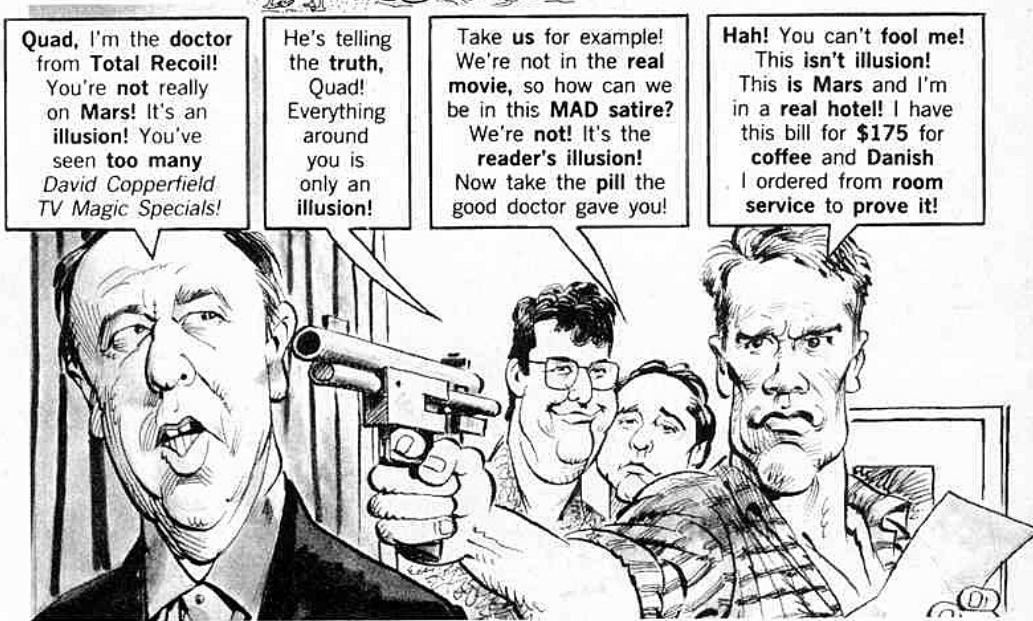
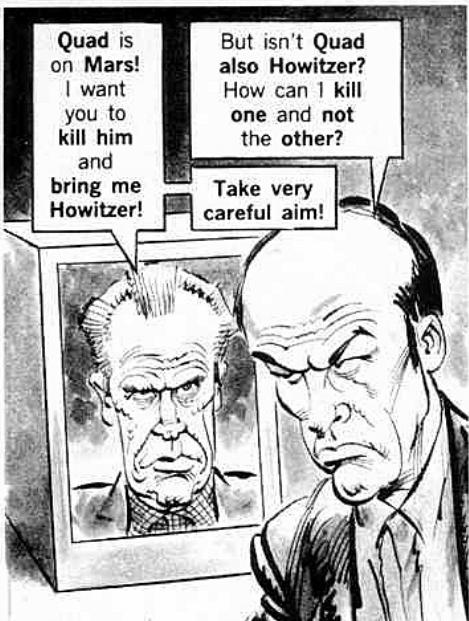
I'm Quad! That's me in the chair! I'm having a "vacation implant," a fantasy dream process created by *Totally Recalled* that will allow me to take an entire two-week trip to Mars without having to worry about typical vacation problems like passports, dysentery, bad weather, or airline food!

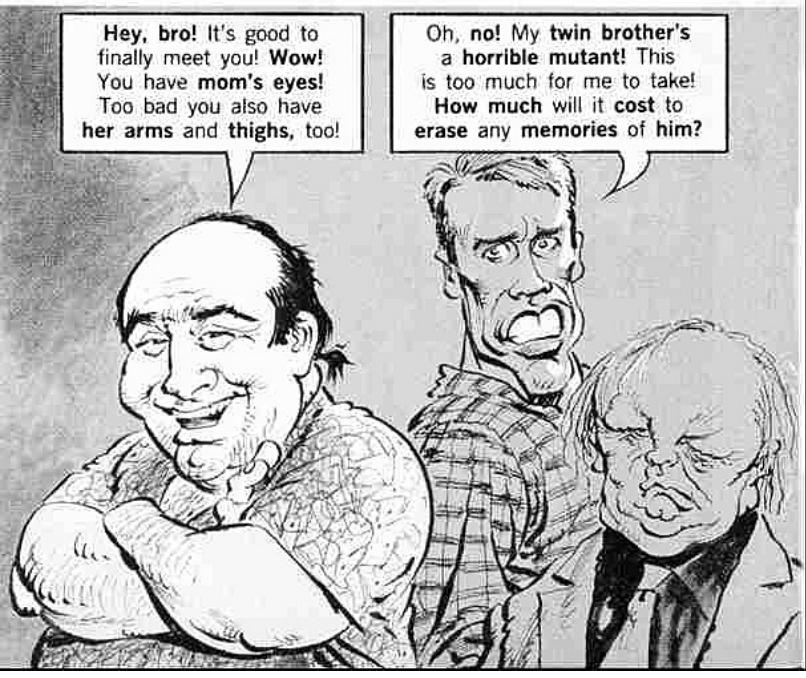
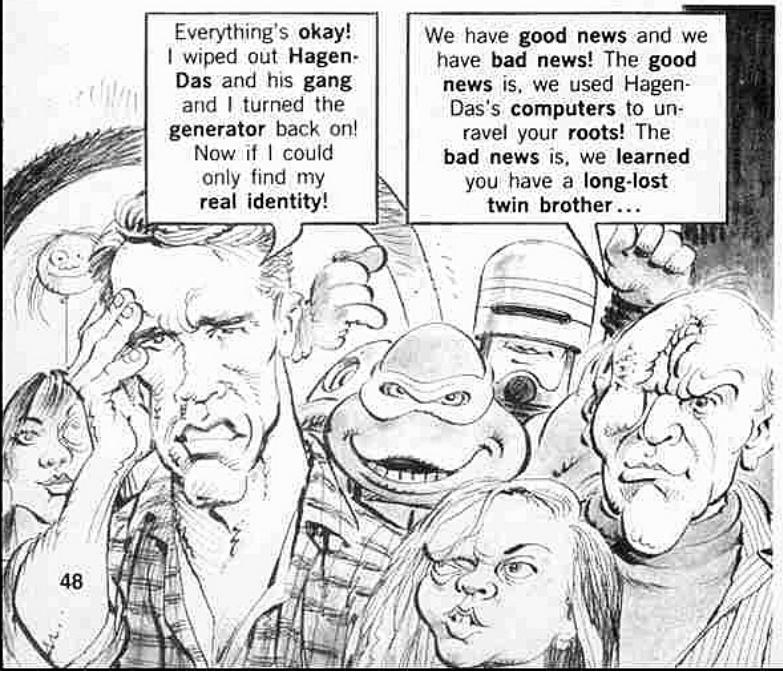
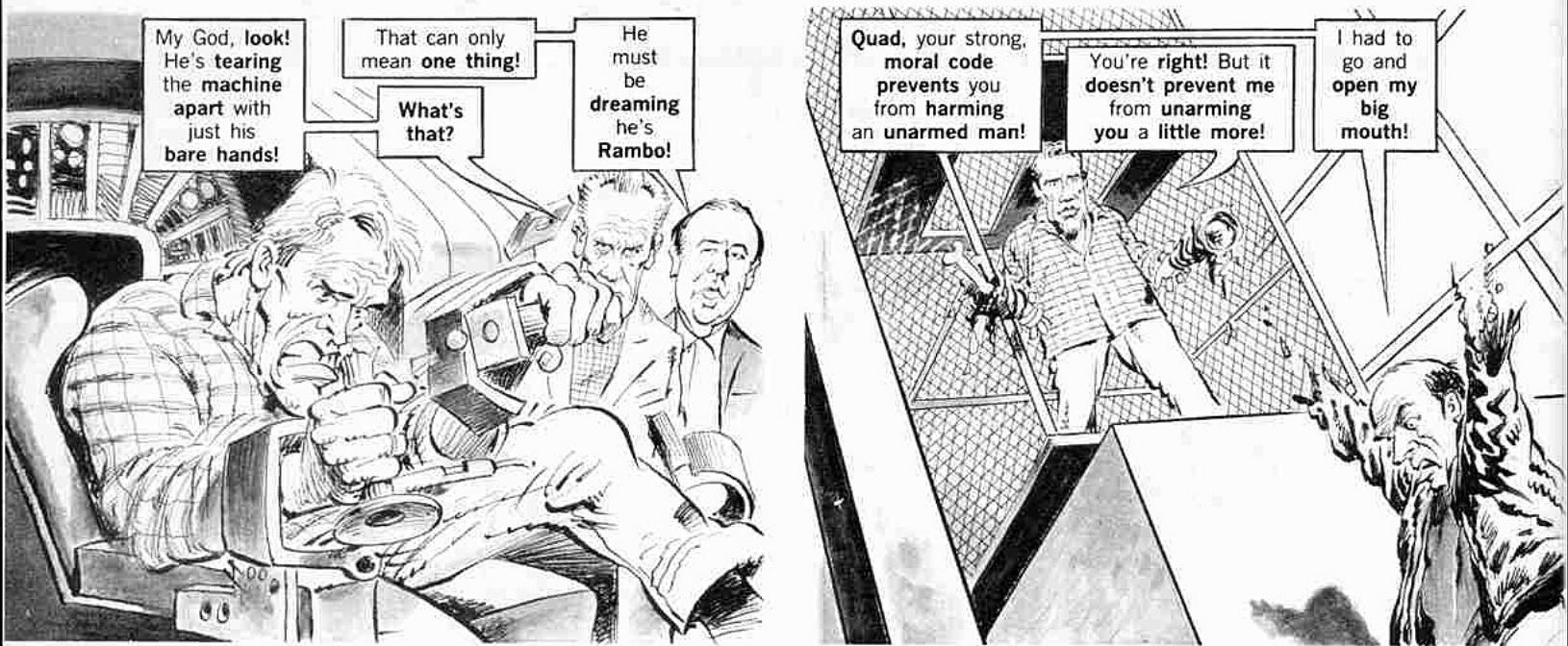
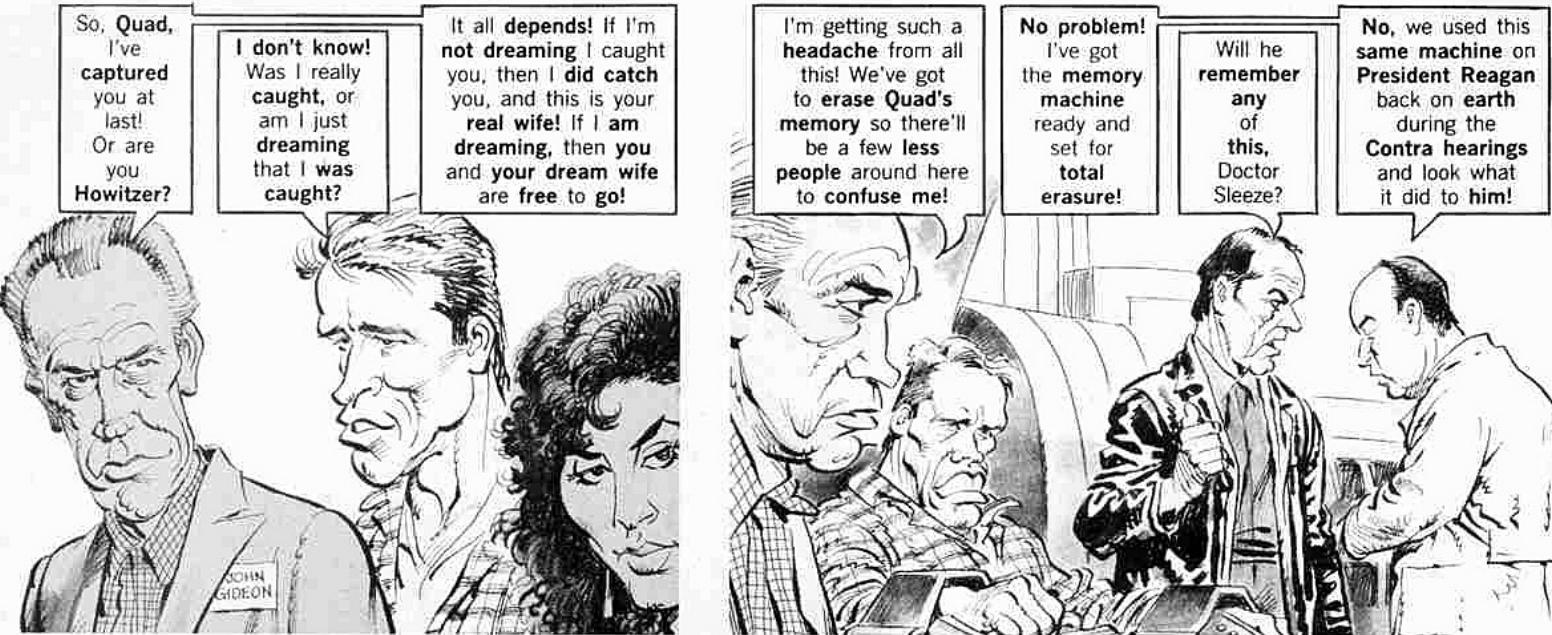
I'm Howitzer, not Quad! Those other two guys looking at me may look like me but they're not really me because I'm really the real me! Really! And if you think you're a bit confused now, wait until we really get into the plot!

I'm Arnold! See if you can follow this! Those two other look-alikes are living totally different lives, but they're really the same guy! They don't know if they're real or just dreaming! Me? You know who I am—I'm the guy who stands to make a bazillion dollars with this cockamamie movie! And I'm not dreaming!









WHAT MUSICAL  
GROUP HAS  
SURPASSED  
THE  
ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE  
BEATLES?

## HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

There are claims that a recent musical group has surpassed The Beatles. To find out which group that is, fold page in as shown.

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NEW MUSICAL GROUPS MUST HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF TO ATTEMPT SURPASSING THE BEATLES. BUT THERE IS ONE IN BOSTON THAT'S HANGIN' TOUGH WITH THE HOPE OF DOING JUST THAT. SOME CRITICS SAY THE GROUP IS TOO CHILDISH. "THIS ONE'S FOR THE CHILDREN," ONE OF THEM RECENTLY REMARKED.

A ►

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## SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS IN

# AIR TRAVEL

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

